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Memorial Stadium Dedication

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Ed Weir was a two-time All-American.

Rockne said it all with a wink to Weir

By Mike Babcock

In the closing minutes of the Nebraska football team's 17-0 victory over Notre Dame at Memorial Stadium in 1925, Knute Rockne winked at Ed Weir.

The wink must have seemed curious to anyone who noticed.

Rockne was, after all, the Notre Dame head coach. And Weir was a Cornhusker tackle. "No one else could know what he meant," Weir recalled many years later.

"But I understood."

Placed in context, it was easily understood. Rockne was paying Weir yet one more compliment in a unique relationship, which began on that same football field in 1923.

World War I had ended, to usher in the Roaring 20s, an "era of wonderful nonsense," according to one historian. It was a time of prohibition, of flappers in short skirts and bobbed hair, of "Model T" Fords, jazz bands and spectator sports.

It also was a time when Nebraska and Notre Dame regularly played football against each other, finishing an 11-game series that began with a 20-19 Cornhusker victory in Lincoln in 1915 and ended with Nebraska's 17-0 victory in 1925.

Like everything else in this country, Cornhusker football felt the profound effects of World War I.

Nebraska played an abbreviated schedule as an independent in 1918, canceling games against Iowa State, Missouri, Syracuse and West Virginia because of wartime travel restrictions.

Coach W.G. Kline's only Cornhusker team was 2-3-1. The scoreless tie was with Notre Dame in Lincoln.

The Fighting Irish had a new head coach in 1918 — Rockne, whose next three teams won 28 of 29 games, including three against Nebraska.

Notre Dame's 7-0 victory at South Bend, Ind., in 1921 was the Cornhuskers' only loss in a 7-1 season under

first-year head coach Fred Dawson.

Dawson's second Nebraska team also finished 7-1, losing only to Syracuse 9-6.

The Cornhuskers handed Notre Dame its lone defeat in 1922, leaving South Bend with a 14-6 victory. With that game the stage was set for what the passing of time has turned into the greatest drama of Cornhusker football during the Roaring 20's.

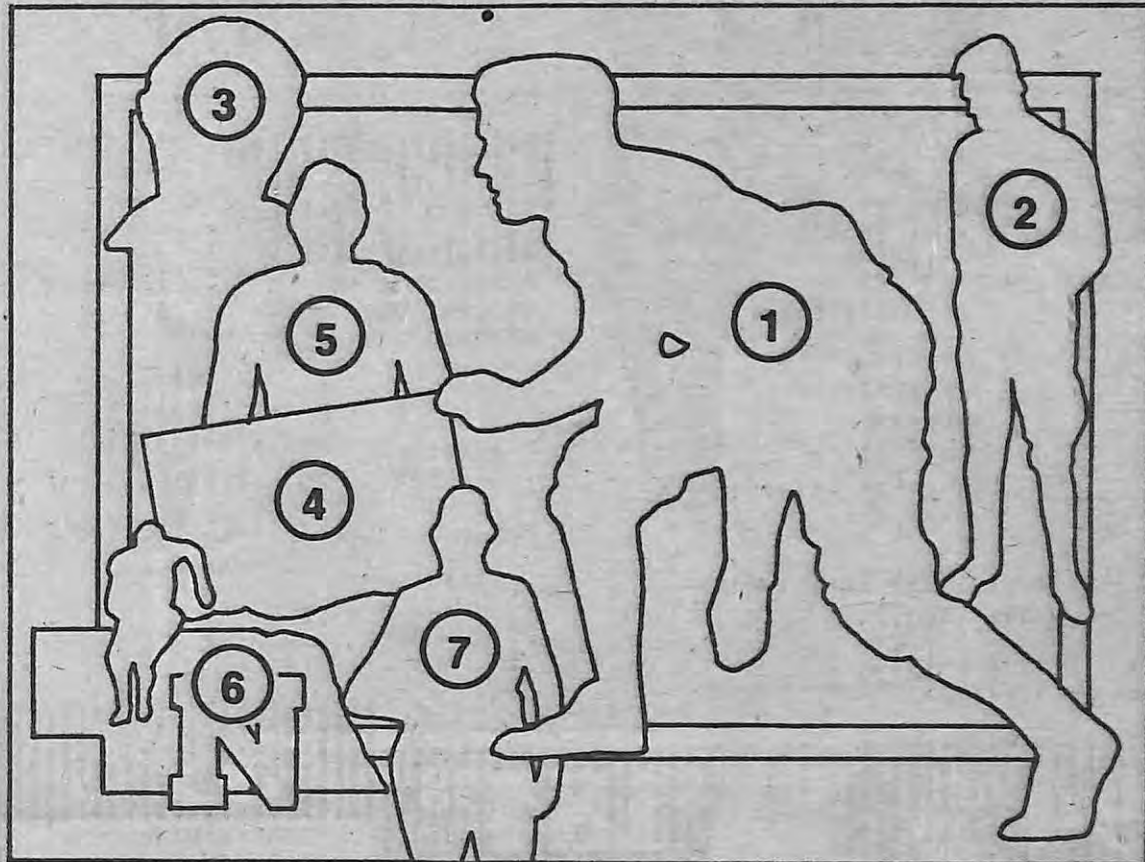
Weir was a Cornhusker freshman in 1922 and didn't make the trip.

Notre Dame backs Elmer Layden, Don Miller, Jim Crowley and Harry Stuhldreher, who would be nicknamed the "Four Horsemen" by famed sports writer Grantland Rice in 1924, were sophomores.

Rockne, the Four Horsemen and Weir, all of them college football legends, came together on the same field for the first time in 1923.

On Nov. 10, before a Memorial Sta-

See WEIR on page 9X



On the cover

The cover painting is the second in a series of seven by sports artist Ted Watts of Oswego, Kan. They depict the seven eras of Nebraska football.

1 Ed Weir (1923-1925), Nebraska's first two-time All-American, was inducted into the National Football Hall of Fame in 1951.

2 Coach E.E. Bearg (1925-1928) won 74 percent of his games at

Nebraska.

3 Coach Fred T. Dawson (1921-1924) won 75 percent of his games at Nebraska, including a major upset of Notre Dame in 1923.

4 The 14-7 upset of Notre Dame Nov. 10, 1923, as reflected in the Night Journal sports page.

5 Dan McMullen (1926-1928) was an All-America guard in 1928.

6 Dave Noble (1921-1923) engineered two upsets of the Fighting Irish from Notre Dame.

7 Clarence Swanson (1918-1921), end and captain of the 1921 team, was inducted into the National Football Hall of Fame in 1973.

The background shows the Memorial Stadium stands during the dedication games vs. Kansas in 1923.

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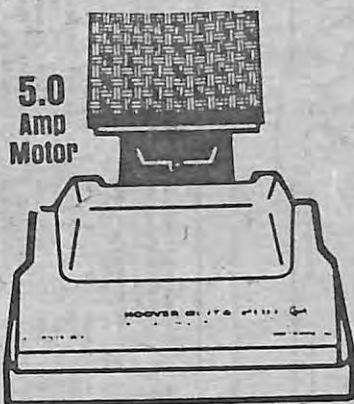
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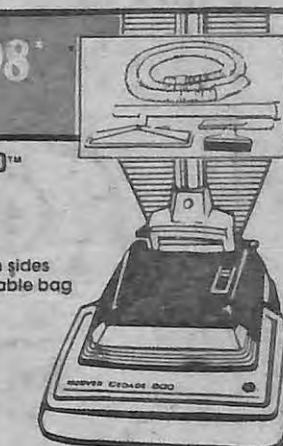
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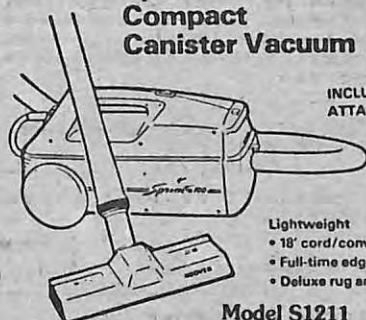
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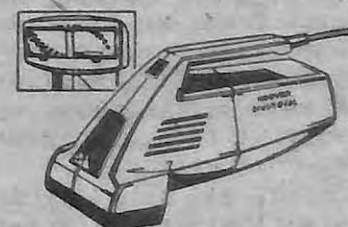
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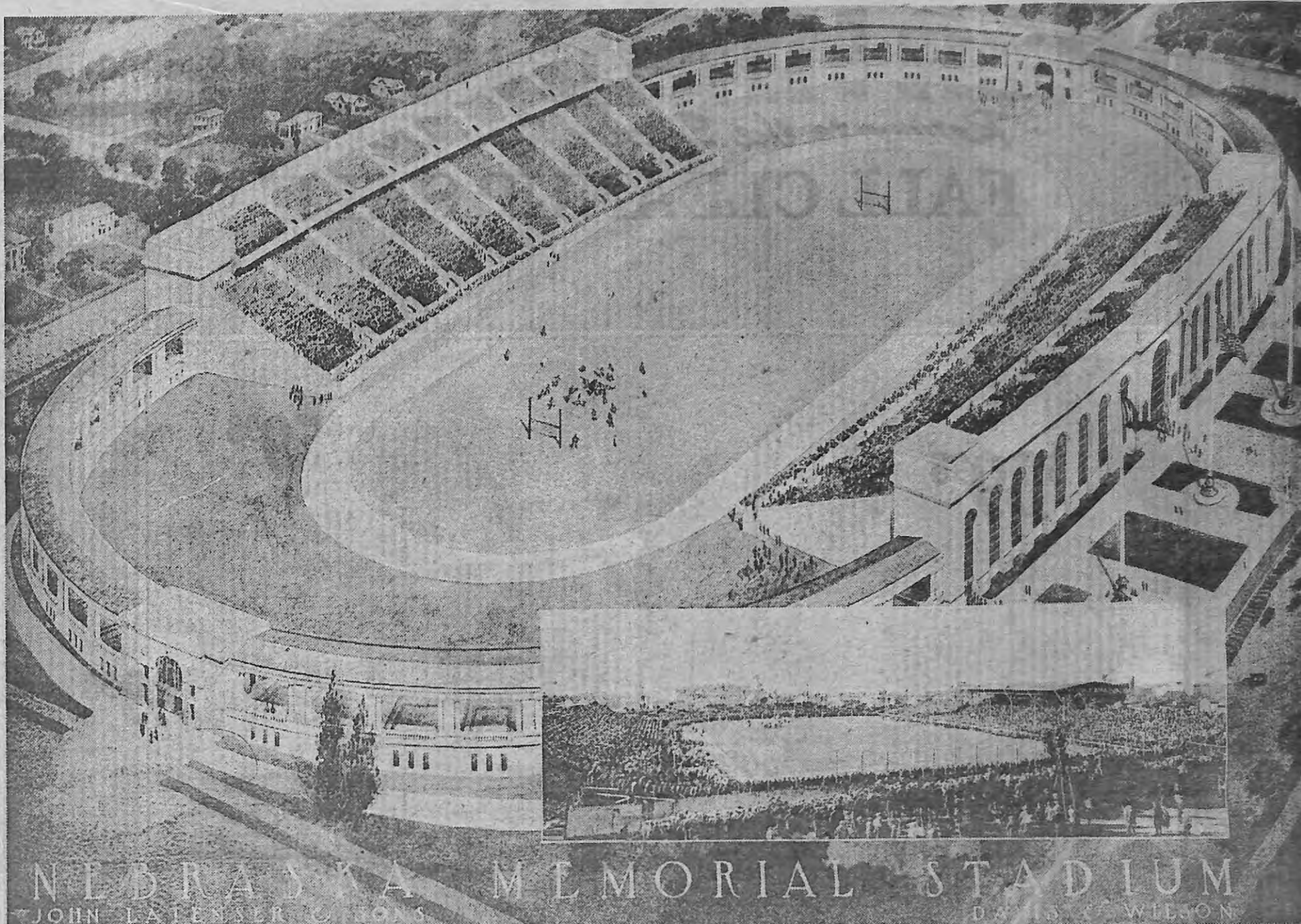
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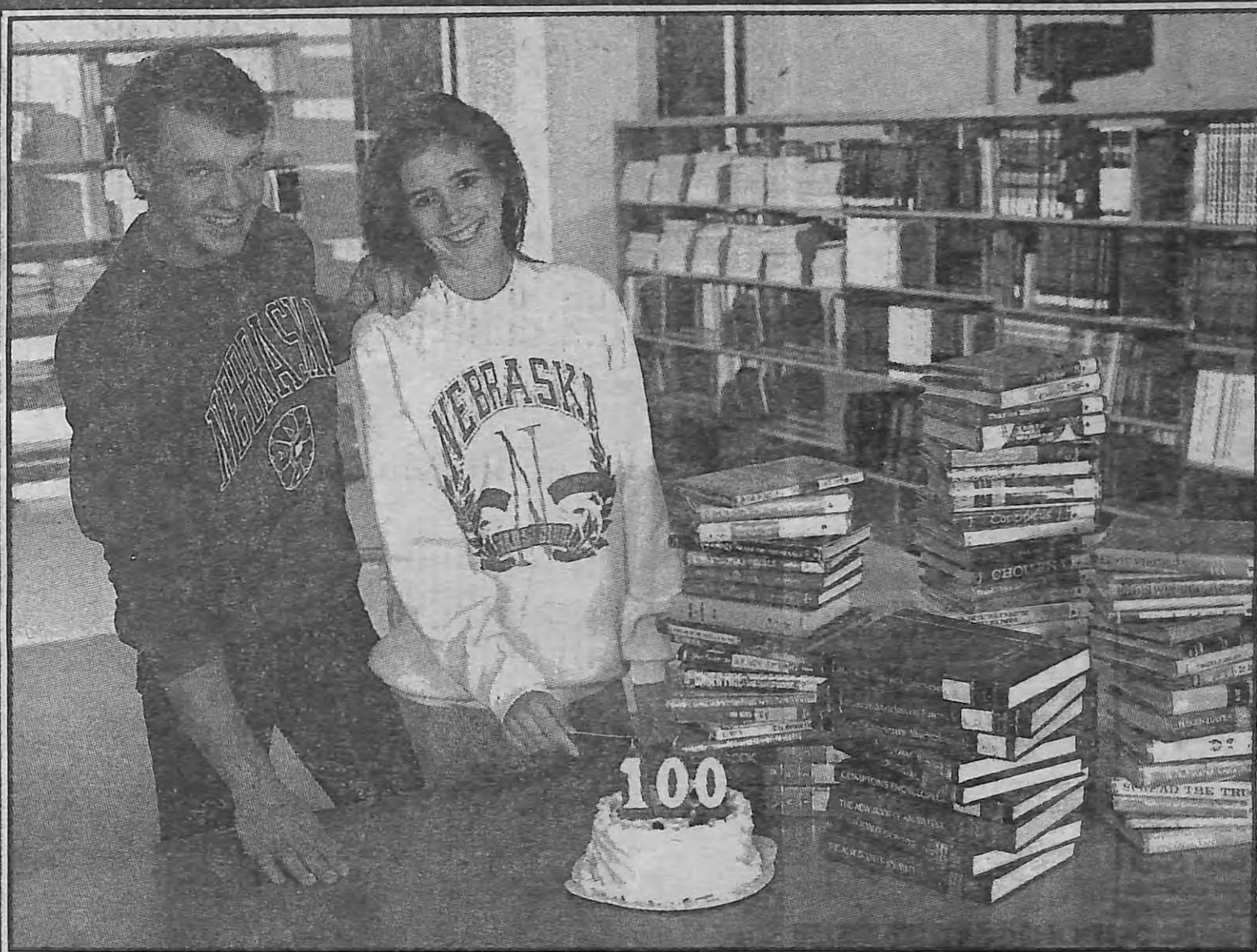
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The cover of the 1924 program (above) shows two views of the new stadium. In the dedication game Oct. 20, 1923, Nebraska and Kansas played to a 0-0 tie. The east stadium balcony was not ready at dedication time. The sellout crowd was listed at 16,000, not counting hundreds of Knothole Club kids.



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Nebraska was one week too late in dedicating Memorial Stadium

By Mike Babcock

Nebraska defeated Oklahoma 24-0 in the first football game ever played in Memorial Stadium.

Oct. 13, 1923.

The Cornhuskers wore blue, in contrast to Oklahoma's red, for the first and only time in school history.

It would have been an appropriate way to dedicate the stadium.

The problem was, the Cornhuskers' new home wasn't officially dedicated until a week later, with a scoreless tie against Kansas.

A newspaper account of the game explained that Nebraska's inability to win might be attributed to "that spectre known as a stadium dedication jinx. It looks like it is impossible for a team to win the game which formally opens a stadium."

A year earlier Nebraska had spoiled the dedication of a new stadium at the University of Kansas, defeating the Jayhawks 28-0.

Yale, Michigan and Ohio State were among other schools failing to win games dedicating the new stadiums being built following the end of World War I. College football was gaining popularity.

And schools wanted new stadiums to showcase their teams.

Nebraska was no different.

Memorial Stadium replaced a field that ran east and west just to the south of what is now the South Stadium offices. The Nebraska Athletic Field could accommodate approximately 10,000 fans.

The attendance at the final game

played there, however, was estimated at 16,000, a tribute to the Cornhuskers' opponent that afternoon in late November of 1922 — Notre Dame — and, perhaps, evidence of a tendency to exaggerate such things.

When Nebraska defeated the Fighting Irish 17-0 in the final game of the 1925 season, the reported attendance was 45,000, even though Memorial Stadium had only 31,000 permanent seats at the time.

In any case, the Cornhuskers upset Notre Dame 14-6 in the final game at Nebraska Athletic Field.

That performance, like the 24-0 victory against Oklahoma, would have been more desirable for dedicating Memorial Stadium than a 0-0 tie with Kansas, coached by the same George "Potsy" Clark who would coach the Cornhuskers in 1945 and 1948.

The dedication game attracted "fully 20,000" fans, some 5,000 more than had attended the Oklahoma game one week earlier.

A trainload of Kansas fans arrived the morning of the game.

The day before the game, John Selleck, the Nebraska athletic department business manager, tried to dispel rumors that all the tickets had been sold. "There will be between four and five thousand tickets still available Saturday," Selleck said.

Enthusiasm was high.

A major concern for the Cornhuskers was the health of captain Verne Lewellen, who had been sidelined by an "infected knee."

The senior fullback's return to practice on Thursday before the game was reason for optimism.

"A victory over Kansas will send the Huskers up another run on the ladder which leads to retention of the Missouri Valley championship," John Bentley wrote in the Nebraska State Journal. "Metaphorically speaking, it's an icy step."

The weather was pleasant.

Statistically speaking, Nebraska dominated the visitors, twice moving the ball inside the Kansas 10-yard line, only to be stopped short.

One of those times, a fourth-down carry by Herbert Dewitz from the 1-yard line ended just inches from the Jayhawk end zone.

"It looked from the press box like he went over but was pushed back," Bentley wrote, in what was then an acceptable editorial style.

An headline on the story confirmed Bentley's observation, noting: "Stands Go Wild, Thinking Herb Dewitz Had Crossed."

The disappointment of the tie apparently was offset, to some degree, by the day's halftime activities. Bentley wrote: "One of the most effective between-half demonstrations ever staged on a Nebraska field was put on when students, both men and women, dressed in red and white, filed on the field and formed a mammoth 'K.U.' and then 'N.U.'"

And so Memorial Stadium was dedicated, officially.

It was a nice touch. But a victory would have been better.

Memorial Stadium growth

Here is the chronological order of Memorial Stadium expansion and improvement from the original 31,000-seat structure, which was built in 1923:

1964 — South end zone installed, making the stadium a horseshoe, raising capacity to the 48,000 mark.

1965 — Center portion of north end zone section added, raising capacity to more than 53,000.

1966 — Both wings of the north end zone added, raising capacity to more than 65,000 and making Memorial Stadium into a bowl.

1972 — South end zone extended; 9,400 seats added, making capacity 73,650.

Notes: Nebraska's string of consecutive sellouts started on Nov. 3, 1962, when 36,501 showed up for a Homecoming game vs. Missouri. The last non-sellout in Memorial Stadium was Oct. 20, 1962, when the Cornhuskers and Kansas State drew 30,701. Attendance has averaged more than 75,000 for the past 16 years, and in 1988, Nebraska set a single-season home attendance record by averaging 76,342 fans for six home games, breaking the record average of 76,341 set in 1974.

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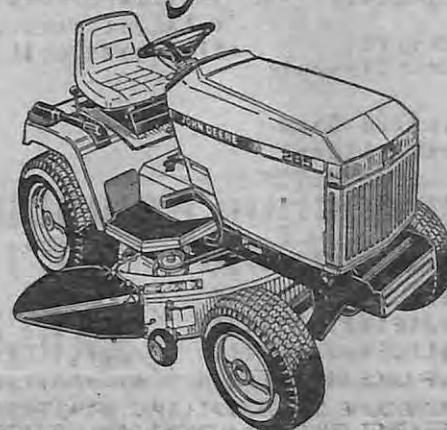
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Ed Weir wears the uniform of the day in 1924 (left) and displays the game ball from the Cornhuskers' 17-0 victory against Notre Dame in 1925 with Wayne Meylan in a 1967 photo. At the time of the picture, Weir and Meylan were Nebraska's only two-time All-America selections. Weir, a tackle, was honored in 1924 and 1925. Meylan, a middle guard, was an All-America choice in 1966 and 1967. The trophy carries this inscription: "This ball was presented to Edwin Weir, captain of the victorious Nebraska team, memorable game on Nov., 26th, 1925, and this trophy is dedicated to the members of both teams as a symbol of fond memories and mutual respect for each other during this era of competition between these two great schools."

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dium audience of some 30,000 — "the greatest crowd ever assembled in the Missouri valley to witness a football game," according to the Nebraska State Journal — Nebraska defeated Rockne's "wonder team" 14-7.

The Nebraska State Journal headline of Nov. 11, 1923, proclaimed: "Husker Win Upsets World of Football."

Notre Dame was regarded as four touchdowns better than Dawson's Cornhuskers, who won the Missouri Valley Conference but finished the season with a rather undistinguished 4-2-2 record, overall.

Backs Dave Noble and Rufus Dewitz, who threw a touchdown pass, and end John "Choppy" Rhodes drew praise in newspaper accounts of the game, as did Nebraska's "green" line, which included Weir.

That line, the Nebraska State Journal's John Bentley reported, "forced the Irish to an aerial attack when their famous off-tackle plays, end runs and line bucks refused to net yards."

Nearly 30 years later, Weir told Lincoln Journal sports editor Walt Dobbins that the 1923 upset of Notre Dame was one of his two biggest thrills in football.

Weir, now 87 years old, hasn't changed his opinion.

The other, he said, was Nebraska's 14-0 victory over Illinois and Red Grange, the Galloping Ghost, in Champaign, Ill., to open the 1925 season, the Cornhuskers' first of four under Coach E.E. Bear.

According to author James E. Sherwood, in his book "Nebraska Football," Grange "left the game at the beginning of the fourth quarter almost in a state of tears because of the frustrations caused by the Cornhusker defense."

Weir, who stood 6-feet tall and weighed 191 pounds, was a tenacious defender. He was considered one of the first "red-dogging" linemen, setting up a yard or two off the line of scrimmage and using his quick start to crash through the defense and tackle ball carriers.

Weir's aggressive play earned him All-American recognition, twice. And it earned him the respect of Rockne and Notre Dame.

After Nebraska's 34-6 loss to Notre Dame at South Bend in 1924, Rockne visited the Cornhusker locker room to congratulate Weir on his performance. Notre Dame students voted him onto their post-season "All-

American team," proclaiming: "Edwin Weir, the gentleman — Notre Dame pays you the compliment of being the outstanding tackle to ever appear on Cartier (Field)."

Nebraska defeated Notre Dame 17-0 in Lincoln in the final game of Weir's college career.

Rockne called Weir "the greatest (football player) in the country; a great man in size, fast, a furious charger, hard tackler and a man who plays always as if inspired."

"He was pretty good to some of us," Weir said recently, as he turned the pages of a scrapbook filled with newspaper clippings recounting the games against Notre Dame.

The great players in Nebraska football during the 1920s included Clarence Swanson, Chick Hartley, Verne Lewellen, Lon Stiner, Joy Berquist, Glen Preston, Choppy Rhodes and, near the end of the decade, Glenn Presnell and linemen Dan McMullen and Ray Richards.

Not only was Weir in that group, he was among the greatest players of an era that included the Four Horsemen and Grange.

In fact, Rockne once called Weir the "greatest tackle of all time."

That's why Rockne winked.



Ed Weir displays a scrapbook that includes photos of Notre Dame's "Four Horsemen."

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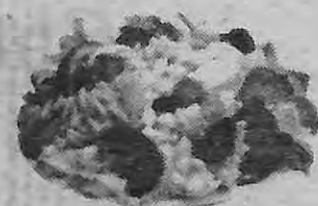
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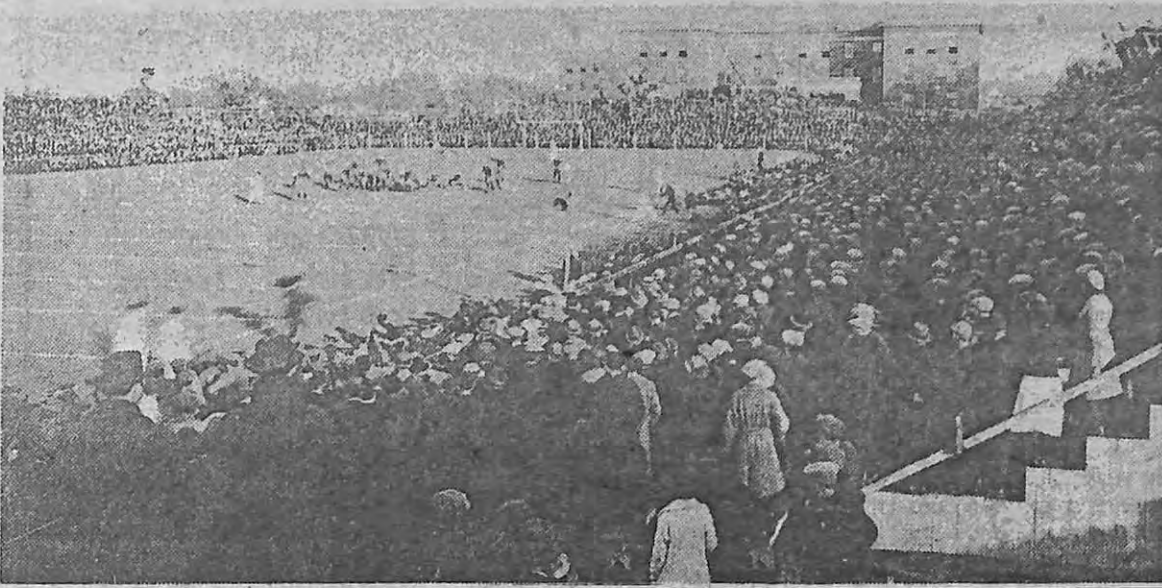
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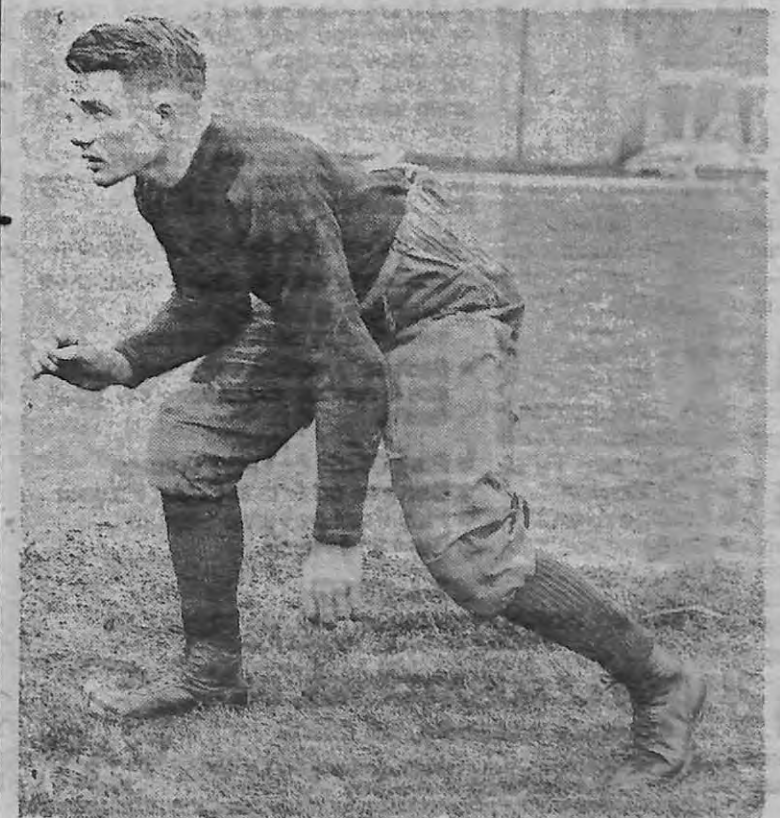


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The Nebraska coaching staff, including head coach Fred T. Dawson (top middle), as pictured in the 1924 program.

Nebraska football chronology (1916-1928)

1916 E.O. "Jumbo" Stiehm leaves when NU turns down his contract demand as coach and athletic director for \$4,250. All-American Guy Chamberlin is gone, too, and NU falls to 5-2.

1917 Running back Hugo Otoupalik finishes his career at NU and goes on to become a top wrestling coach at Iowa State.

1918 World War I messes up a schedule that is only six games long and includes win over Omaha Balloon School, a tie with Notre Dame and George Gipp, and losses to Camp Dodge and Washington, Mo., in a charity game.

1919 Newspaper reports all NU linemen weigh more than 200 pounds and are at least 6-feet tall.

1920 Henry F. Schulte, head track coach and football coach, leaves football to concentrate on track at NU. He is replaced by Fred Dawson, who was advised by doctors to pursue a job in the West (Nebraska) for the good air.

1921 "Mankilling Mastodons," of Nebraska, claims one Eastern paper, upset Pop Warner's Pittsburgh team 10-0.

1922 Mr. Latsch and John Selleck devise and implement plan to sell season tickets to NU football games. A season-ending 14-6 win over Notre Dame is the last on a east-west field on a terrace just south of the present Memorial Stadium.

1923 Memorial Stadium built. NU-Kansas tie

0-0 in dedication game in new stadium. Notre Dame Coach Knute Rockne claims NU's Ed Weir is the best player he's seen.

1925 Captain Weir leads Cornhuskers over Notre Dame and famous "Four Horsemen" and crushes Illinois and Red Grange 14-0. Grange held to minus 40 yards rushing.

1926 Notre Dame turns down a rematch, claiming Nebraska was rude on and off the field.

1927 Cornhuskers beat previously unbeaten New York University Violets 27-18 and Syracuse 21-0.

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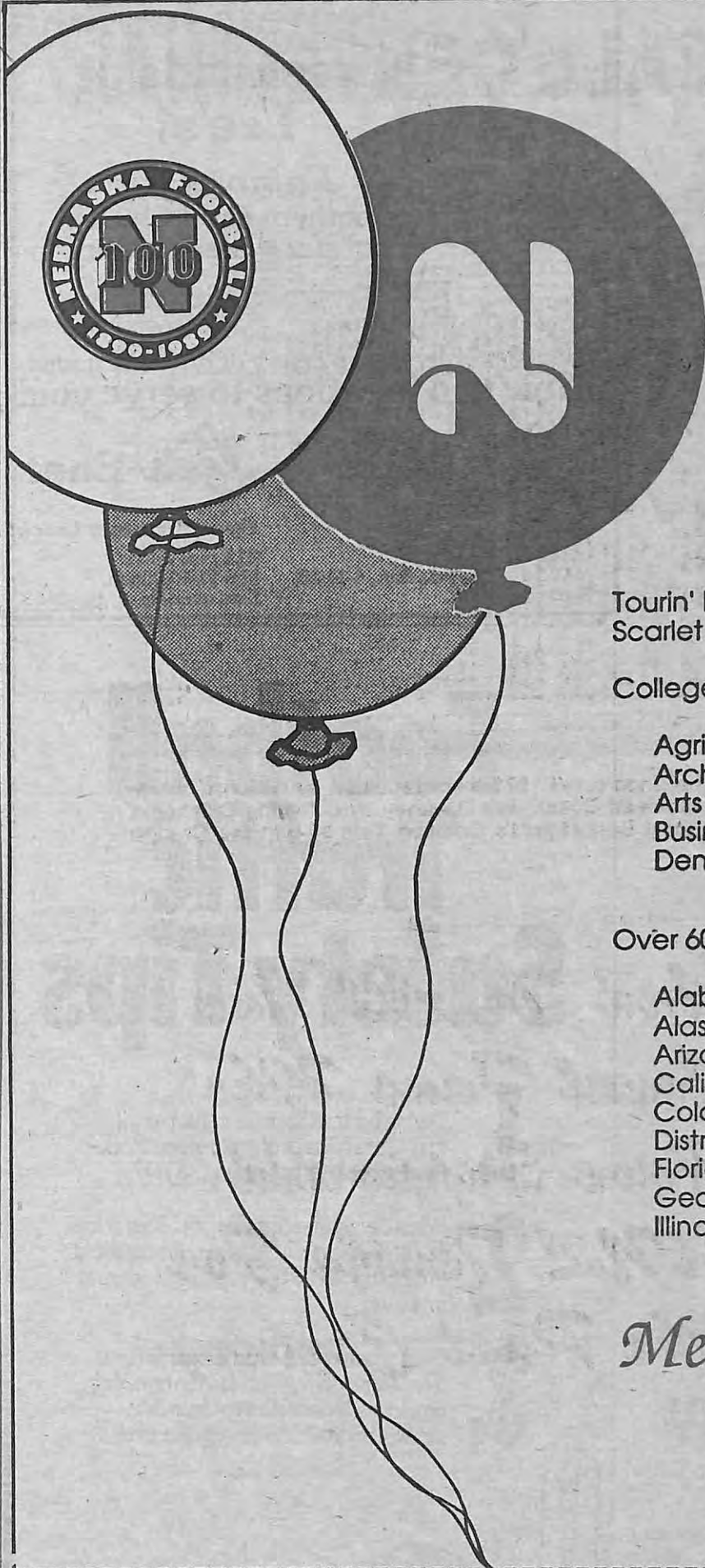
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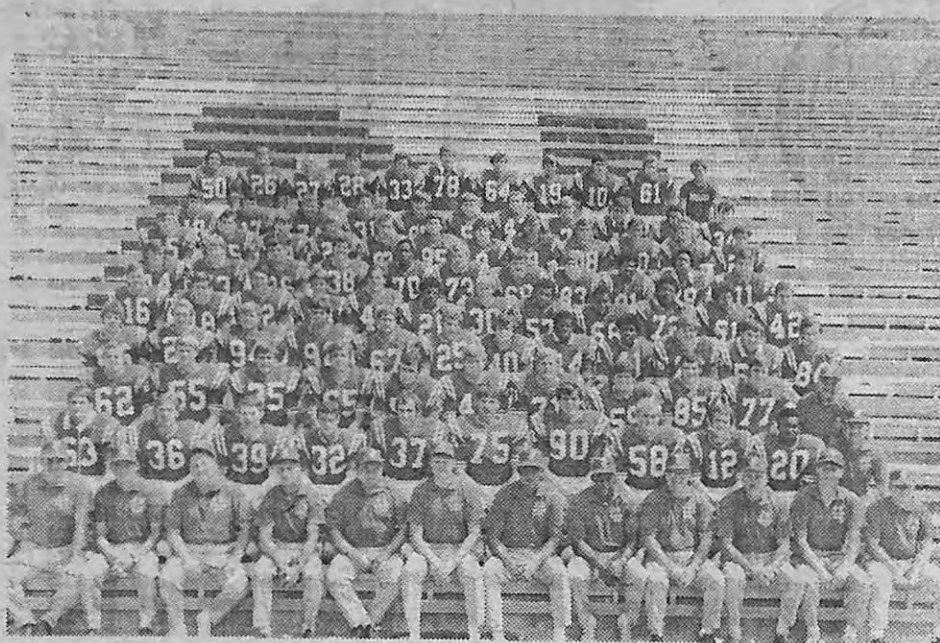
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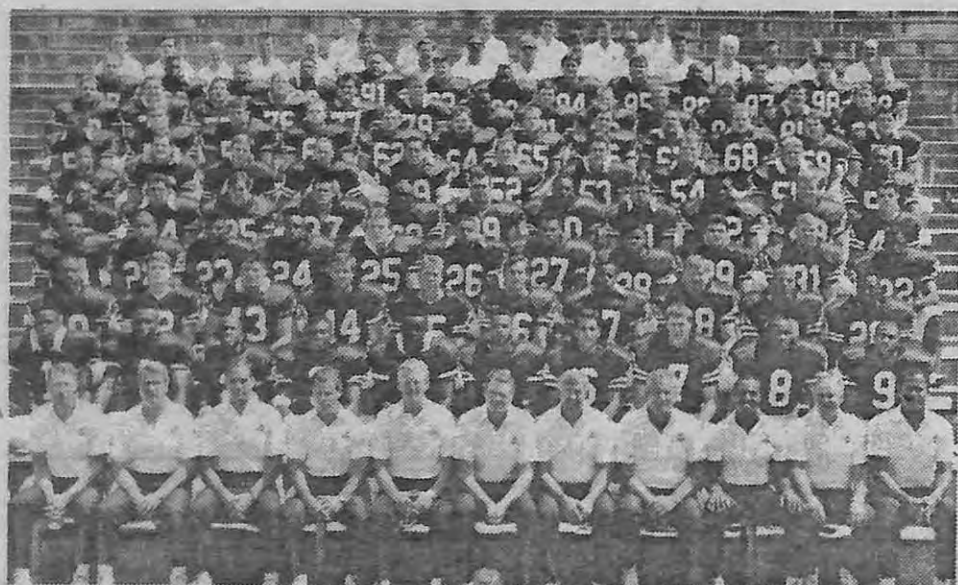
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Nebraska roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Will Thomas	FS	6-0	170	So.	Houston, Texas
1	Mike Grant	QB	6-2	200	So.	Valrico, Fla.
2	Mickey Joseph	QB	5-11	175	So.	Marrero, La.
3	Tyrone Legette	CB	5-9	170	So.	Columbia, S.C.
4	Jon Bostick	SE	6-2	190	So.	Bellevue, Wash.
5	Tahaun Lewis	CB	5-11	175	Jr.	Colo. Springs, Colo.
6	Brad Devall	WB	5-9	180	Jr.	O'Neill
7	Jim Dobesh	SE	6-1	180	Sr.	Seward
8	Tyrone Byrd	FS	5-11	170	Fr.	Chandler, Ariz.
9	Robert Hicks	CB	5-10	175	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
10	Keithen McCant	QB	6-2	200	So.	Gr. Prairie, Tex.
10	Mike Heins	CB	5-10	187	Fr.	David City
11	Mark Dowse	WB	6-0	170	So.	Broken Bow
11	John Reece	CB	6-0	190	Fr.	Houston, Texas
12	Jerry Dunlap	QB	5-11	195	Jr.	Ventura, Calif.
13	Junior Monarrez	MG	6-1	270	Sr.	Bell Garden, Calif.
14	Gerry Gdowski	QB	6-0	190	Sr.	Fremont
15	Tom Haase	QB	6-0	180	So.	Aurora
15	Scott Olson	FS	5-9	185	Jr.	Norfolk
16	Chris Drennan	PK	5-9	200	Sr.	Cypress, Calif.
17	Reggie Cooper	SS	6-3	205	Jr.	Sildell, La.
18	Shane McClanahan	IB	5-8	176	Fr.	Oakland, Iowa
19	Morgan Gregory	SE	5-11	190	Sr.	Denver, Colo.
20	Terry Rodgers	IB	5-7	170	Jr.	Nat. City, Calif.
21	Richard Bell	WB	6-0	205	Sr.	Altadena, Calif.
22	Nate Turner	WB	6-2	220	So.	Chicago, Ill.
23	Leodis Flowers	IB	5-11	200	So.	Omaha
24	Curtis Cotton	SS	6-1	195	So.	Omaha
25	Sam Schmidt	FB	6-1	225	Sr.	Wood River
26	Marvin Sanders	FS	5-11	190	Sr.	Markham, Ill.
27	Freeman White	SS	6-1	200	So.	Kansas City, Mo.
27	Kelly Prater	WB	5-7	185	So.	Clearwater
28	Eric Anderson	CB	5-8	180	Jr.	Omaha
28	Andre McDuffy	IB	5-11	190	So.	Eules, Texas
29	Bryan Carpenter	FB	5-10	205	Sr.	Olathe, Kan.
31	Steve Carmer	FS	6-1	200	So.	Weston
32	Ken Clark	IB	5-10	200	Sr.	Omaha

33	Tyrone Hughes	WB	5-9	175	Fr.	New Orleans, La.
33	Alvin Banks	ILB	6-0	210	So.	Moline, Ill.
34	Omar Soto	FB	5-11	225	Jr.	Miami, Fla.
34	Gordon Wilson	SS	6-0	185	So.	Bayard
35	Scott Kurtz	ILB	5-11	215	Jr.	Omaha
35	Robert Glantz	FB	5-11	220	So.	Houston, Texas
36	Todd Bennett	PK	5-8	180	Jr.	Norfolk
36	Matt Reynolds	FB	5-11	200	So.	Omaha
37	Mike Petko	ILB	6-2	225	So.	Anaheim, Calif.
38	Bruce Pickens	CB	5-11	190	Sr.	Kansas City, Mo.
39	Mark Hagge	ILB	5-11	230	Sr.	Omaha
40	Pat Tyrance	ILB	6-2	240	Jr.	Omaha
41	Matt Penland	LB	6-0	212	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
41	Tim Johnk	FB	5-10	215	So.	Schuyler
42	Jeff Mills	OLB	6-4	235	Sr.	Montclair, N.J.
43	Shane Geiken	ILB	6-1	210	So.	Goffenburg
44	Gregg Barrios	PK	5-8	180	Jr.	Omaha
44	Scott Baldwin	IB	6-1	195	So.	Roselle, N.J.
45	Jon Crippen	CB	5-10	170	Jr.	Houston, Tex.
46	Brian Mohsen	ILB	6-3	230	So.	McCook
47	Mike Stigge	P	6-1	190	Fr.	Washington, Kan.
48	Scott Beckler	P	6-0	195	Sr.	Grand Island
49	Chris Caliendo	ILB	6-2	240	Sr.	Brookfield, Wis.
51	Brent Pick	OT	6-5	245	Jr.	Wayne
51	Andrew Zacharias	ILB	6-1	230	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
52	Roger Fitzke	C	6-0	235	Sr.	Harvard
53	Bill Ziegelbein	C	6-5	215	So.	Polk
54	Chris O'Gara	OG	6-4	270	Sr.	Madison, Wis.
55	Randall Jobman	ILB	6-3	235	Sr.	Lisco
56	Joe Sims	DT	6-3	285	Jr.	Sudbury, Mass.
57	Kenny Walker	DT	6-4	230	Jr.	Crane, Texas
58	David Edeal	C	6-2	285	Jr.	Loomis
59	Will Shields	OG	6-2	243	Fr.	Lawton, Okla.
59	Ray Reifsnrath	OT	6-5	305	So.	Dakota City
61	Erik Wiegert	OG	6-4	270	So.	Fremont
61	Steve Keast	ILB	6-3	245	Jr.	Gothenburg
62	Erik Kiehn	OG	6-2	260	Jr.	Omaha
63	Greg Koelner	MG	6-3	285	So.	Haxtun, Colo.
63	Pat Kudrna	OG	6-2	270	So.	Sioux City, Iowa

64	John Roschal	OG	6-3	250	Sr.	Houston, Texas
65	Jeff Chaney	OG	6-2	250	So.	Friona, Texas
66	Jim Wanek	OG	6-1	255	Jr.	Aurora
67	Rob Leuck	OG	6-0	245	Sr.	Omaha
68	Jake Young	C	6-4	270	Sr.	Midland, Texas
69	Bill Bobbora	OG	6-3	265	Sr.	Amarillo, Texas
70	Doug Glaser	OT	6-7	295	Sr.	Balch Springs, Tex.
72	John Clarke	OT	6-2	270	So.	Brock
73	Steve Engstrom	OT	6-3	285	Jr.	Lincoln
74	Mike Murray	MG	5-10	240	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.
75	Ray Valladao	DT	6-3	255	Sr.	Athwater, Calif.
76	Brian Boerboom	OT	6-7	285	So.	Colo. Springs, Colo.
77	Terry Eymann	OT	6-6	265	Jr.	Omaha
78	Tom Punt	OT	6-8	285	Jr.	Sioux Center, Iowa
80	Chris Garrett	TE	6-3	225	So.	Snyder, Texas
81	Lance Bobalz	WB	5-10	180	Jr.	Dorchester
82	Chip Bahe	SE	5-9	170	Sr.	Fremont
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87	Dan Pleasant	SE	5-10	180	So.	Craig, Colo.
88	Mike Croel	OLB	6-3	225	Jr.	Sudbury, Mass.
89	William Washington	TE	6-2	245	Fr.	Tyler, Texas
90	Le Andre Anderson	DT	6-4	245	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.
90	Keith Makell	SE	5-10	160	So.	Omaha
91	Kent Wells	DT	6-5	280	Sr.	Lincoln
92	Corey Hedrick	OLB	6-1	215	Jr.	York
93	Travis Hill	OLB	6-2	230	Fr.	Pearland, Texas
94	Brian Brown	DT	6-6	255	So.	Indianola
95	Paul Brungardt	DT	6-7	265	Jr.	Battle Creek
96	David White	OLB	6-2	225	Fr.	Gretna, La.
97	Pat Engelbert	MG	6-2	245	So.	Columbus
98	Joe D'Alesio	TE	6-6	230	Sr.	Kansas City, Mo.
99	Kevin Miller	DT	6-3	235	Sr.	Hardy

Probable starters

NEBRASKA (1-0)

No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pos.
19	Morgan Gregory	5-11	190	Sr.	SE/WR
78	Tom Punt	6-8	285	Jr.	LT
66	Jim Wanek	6-1	255	Jr.	LG
68	Jake Young	6-4	270	Sr.	C
64	John Roschal	6-3	250	Sr.	RG
61	Erik Wiegert	6-4	270	So.	RT
85	Monte Kratzenstein	6-3	230	Sr.	TE
14	Gerry Gdowski	6-0	190	Sr.	QB
32	Ken Clark	5-10	200	Sr.	IB/RB
29	Bryan Carpenter	5-10	205	Sr.	FB
21	Richard Bell	6-0	205	Sr.	WB/UB
44	Gregg Barrios	5-8	180	Jr.	K

42	Jeff Mills	6-4	235	Sr.	OLB/LB
56	Joe Sims	6-3	285	Jr.	LT
74	Mike Murray	5-10	240	Sr.	MG/MLB
91	Kent Wells	6-5	280	Sr.	RT
88	Mike Croel	6-3	225	Jr.	OLB/RE
37	Mike Petko	6-2	225	So.	SLB
40	Pay Tyrance	6-2	240	Jr.	WLB
38	Bruce Pickens	5-11	190	Sr.	LCB
17	Reggie Cooper	6-3	205	Jr.	SS
28	Marvin Sanders	5-11	190	Sr.	FS
5	Tahaun Lewis	5-11	175	Jr.	RCB
47	Mike Stigge	6-1	190	Fr.	P

OFFENSE

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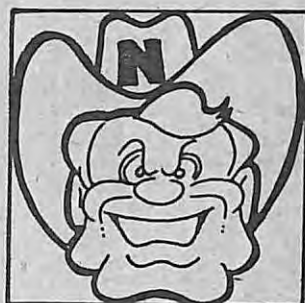
No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pos.
29	Mike Connaughton	5-10	187	Sr.	
75	Grayland Williams	6-2	271	Sr.	
65	Ryan Bullett	6-4	251	Jr.	
58	Jeff Parson	6-3	258	Sr.	
62	Chad Pascua	6-3	254	Jr.	
78	Mike Murry	6-4	256	Jr.	
80	Dennis Smith	6-0	223	Sr.	
19	Scott Mitchell	6-6	231	Jr.	
30	Clifton Smith	6-0	216	Jr.	
5	Steve Sigloch	6-0	205	Sr.	
81	Mike Anglesey	6-3	219	Jr.	
6	Wayne Lammle	6-4	200	Jr.	

DEFENSE

95	Brent O'Brien	6-3	215	Sr.	
97	James McKenna	6-2	258	Jr.	
51	Garland Harris	6-0	207	Sr.	
96	Greg Reynolds	6-2	238	Jr.	
46	Joe Clausi	6-0	230	Sr.	
57	Frank Bonifacio	6-3	210	Jr.	
38	Darren Patterson	6-0	211	Sr.	
22	Lavon Edwards	5-10	180	Sr.	
26	Bob Bonifacio	6-2	185	Jr.	
18	Derrick Odum	5-10	162	Fr.	
23	Sean Knox	5-9	178	Jr.	
6	Wayne Lammle	6-4	200	Jr.	

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Utah roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Chris Nottoli	WR	6-1	188	Fr.	Escondido, Calif.
2	Darrel Hicks	WR	5-11	148	Jr.	San Diego
3	Sean Williams	WR	5-9	160	Fr.	Lakeview Terrace, Calif.
5	Steve Sigloch	FB	6-0	205	Sr.	Riverside, Calif.
6	Wayne Lammle	K	6-4	200	Jr.	Salt Lake City
7	Mike Richmond	QB	6-0	193	So.	Reedley, Calif.
8	James Graham	WR	6-0	163	So.	Cowley, Wyo.
11	Chris Yergensen	K	6-2	170	Fr.	Lancaster, Calif.
11	Scott Wheelright	WR	5-11	172	So.	Salt Lake City
12	Bryan Rowley	WR	5-10	175	Fr.	Orem, Utah
13	Paul Barton	QB	6-5	205	Fr.	Riverside, Calif.
14	Mike Edwards	FS	6-0	195	Fr.	Placentia, Calif.
17	Rod Wells	RB	5-6	190	So.	Tremonton, Utah
18	Derrick Odum	FS	5-10	162	Fr.	Irvine, Calif.
19	Scott Mitchell	QB	6-6	231	Jr.	Springville, Utah
20	Emanuel Powell	SS	5-11	180	Jr.	New Orleans, La.
21	Pat Kennedy	CB	5-8	180	Sr.	Lynwood, Calif.
22	Lavon Edwards	CB	5-10	180	Sr.	Riverside, Calif.
23	Sean Knox	CB	5-9	178	Jr.	Tulare, Calif.
24	Tim Imperiali	WR	5-11	185	Jr.	Fullerton, Calif.
25	Manny Saiz	CB	5-8	174	Sr.	La Habra, Calif.
26	Bob Bonifacio	SS	6-2	185	Jr.	S. San Francisco, Calif.
28	Phil Echols	FB	5-11	195	Sr.	Belle Glade, Fla.
29	Mike Connaughton	WR	5-10	187	Sr.	Murray, Utah

30	Clifton Smith	RB	6-0	216	Jr.	San Bruno, Calif.
31	Steve Abrams	RB	6-0	196	Fr.	Danville, Calif.
34	Brad Foster	DB	5-10	195	So.	Idaho Falls, Idaho
35	Barry Herbster	DB	5-11	192	So.	Salt Lake City
36	Marcus Moran	RB	5-10	171	Fr.	Bethany, Conn.
38	Darren Patterson	LB	6-0	211	Sr.	Long Beach, Calif.
39	Kava Afu	LB	6-0	236	Jr.	Salt Lake City
40	Diego Bentz	LB	6-1	206	Fr.	Guaynabo, Puerto Rico
41	Daren Castain	LB	6-2	186	Fr.	Riverside, Calif.
42	Jason Wood	RB	6-2	219	Jr.	Ogden, Utah
45	Lloyd Rokeni	RB	5-8	200	Jr.	Carson, Calif.
46	Joe Clausi	DE	6-0	230	Sr.	Riverside, Calif.
47	Dave Chaytors	DE	6-2	232	Fr.	Calgary, Alberta
49	Pita Tonga	LB	5-10	201	So.	Salt Lake City
51	Garland Harris	LB	6-0	207	Sr.	Port Hueneme, Calif.
52	Demetrius Carlton	LB	6-0	207	Sr.	Port Hueneme, Calif.
53	John Anderson	C	6-3	256	Jr.	Salt Lake City
54	Scott Jerome	LB	5-10	195	Fr.	Salt Lake City
55	Adam De'Malignon	C	6-2	233	Fr.	Laguna Hills, Calif.
57	Frank Bonifacio	LB	6-3	210	Jr.	S. San Francisco, Calif.
58	Jeff Pearson	C	6-3	258	Sr.	Belle Glades, Fla.
60	Rod Meacham	OG	6-1	250	Fr.	Kaysville, Utah
62	Chad Pascua	OG	6-3	254	Jr.	Van Nuys, Calif.
63	Sam Tausinga	DT	5-10	268	Sr.	Salt Lake City
65	Ryan Bullett	OG	6-4	251	Jr.	Midvale, Utah

Utah quarterback will try to throw the book at NU

By Ken Hambleton

First, Scott Mitchell tries to forget the playbook.

Then, he tries to play football with the most complicated, and recently, the most productive offense in college football.

"Our playbook is actually a very big book. But in practical application, it's as vast as the mind of our offensive coordinator," said Utah junior quarterback Mitchell, the national leader in passing and total offense last year.

"We've got the basic theory and then Jack Reilly (Utah offensive coordinator and quarterback coach) figures out all these new opportunities and tries them out in practice," Mitchell said. "By the end of practice, my mind is whirling."

"Thank goodness, by game time, we simplify things and get a pretty good script that everybody understands."

Behind Mitchell, the Utes run a single-back, no-back, two-back, four-receiver, five-receiver and swinging-gate offense, among others.

"We have a good time. I wonder what it's like for defensive coaches to watch us on film," he said.

Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne and NU defensive coordinator Charlie McBride said it's scary.

"What you learn is to watch for the people and try to figure out where they want to go and that will cut down on the confusion about the way they line up," Osborne said.

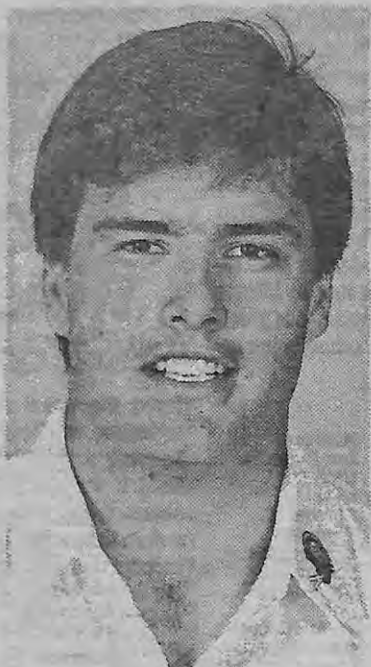
Mitchell said the confusion is part of the fun.

"We're a very complicated offensive team and it takes a long time to learn it," he said. "With new receivers this year, I know that the receivers and I are just starting to get the feel of what we can do on the field."

Mitchell hit only 17 of 48 passes in his first game — a 52-22 loss to Fresno State. Last week, he connected on 28 of 41 passes for 394 yards and five touchdowns in a 45-10 victory over Utah State.

"It's hard to describe the difference in feeling, but we made things happen and we took the game to Utah State. The week before, we waited for things to happen and we didn't get anything done," he said.

"We know what it takes. We know we have to be the positive force. It took us awhile to learn it last year, and it took us a game this year."



Scott Mitchell

'The only way I can explain it is I'm 6-foot-6, I can see the whole field and I try to have as much fun playing football as I can. The fact the receivers can look back and see me instead of seeing the ball fly out from a pile of people also helps a bit.'

— Scott Mitchell

Mitchell has helped the Utes win six of their last seven games. With his passing as the key, Utah has scored 40 points or more in seven of its last 13 games.

Mitchell set 10 NCAA records last year and has already passed for 719 yards and seven touchdowns without an interception this year. Despite the poor opener, he is fourth in the country in total offense and third in pass-

ing.

He has been called a "franchise player" by former Dallas Cowboys scouting director Gil Brandt. He has been labeled as the top quarterback prospect in the country despite the fact he is a junior.

"The only way I can explain it is I'm 6-foot-6, I can see the whole field and I try to have as much fun playing football as I can," Mitchell said. "The fact the receivers can look back and see me instead of seeing the ball fly out from a pile of people also helps a bit."

His lightning-quick release, his velocity and his accuracy are also important to his success as a passer, Osborne said.

Osborne even went as far as comparing Mitchell with former Miami quarterback Steve Walsh and former UCLA quarterback Troy Aikman — both millionaire quarterbacks with the Dallas Cowboys now.

"I take that as a great compliment, but you know coaches are trying to get their players up when they say things like that," Mitchell said.

Brigham Young Coach LaVell Edwards, who has had the longest string of successful quarterbacks in college football, also praised Mitchell as one of the most effective passers he had ever seen.

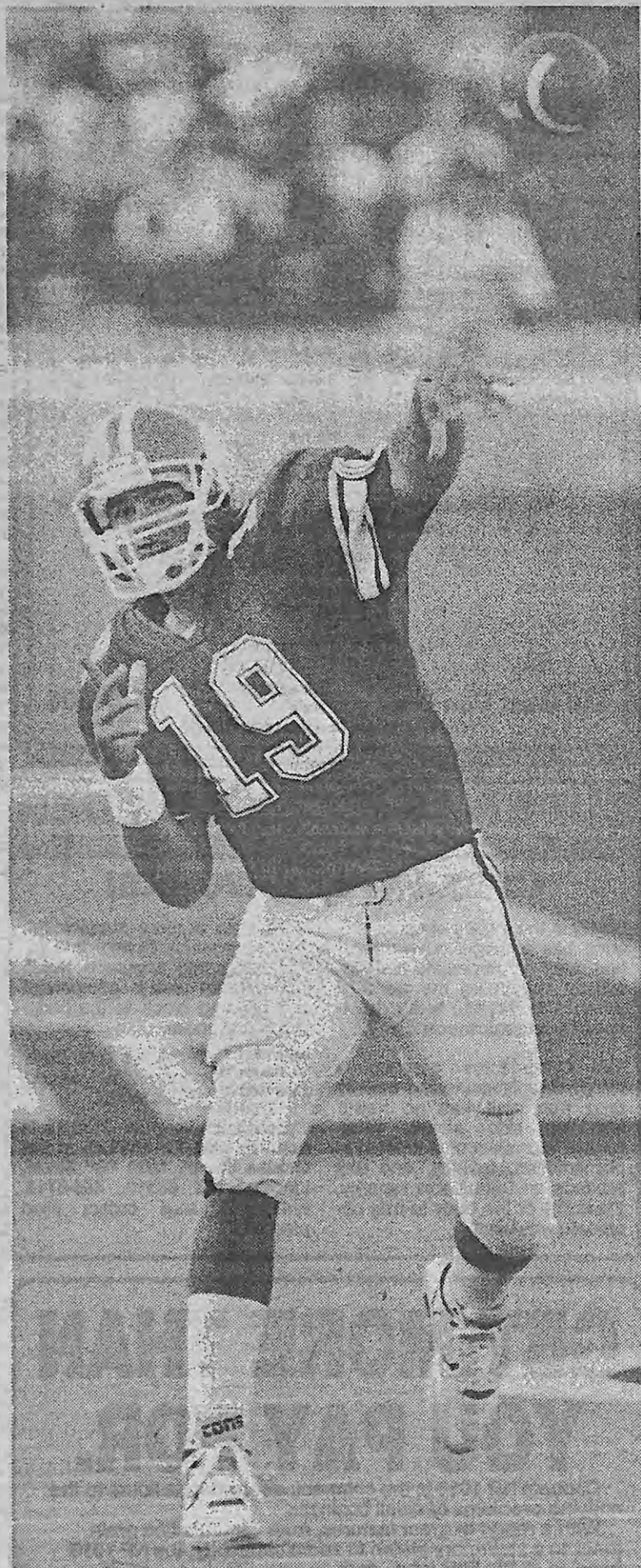
Edwards tried to recruit Mitchell, but the Springville, Utah, native turned down a scholarship at BYU even though he lived 15 minutes from the BYU campus and is a distant relative of Edwards.

"I've never regretted my decision, and I believe I'm in the right place," Mitchell said. "I was one of four BYU recruits when I was a high school senior. I was the only one who didn't sign with BYU because I thought I'd have a better chance to play sooner and I'd get more individual attention at Utah."

"Now, I'm just taking advantage of the opportunity Utah has given me," he said. "This week, against Nebraska I have one of the biggest opportunities of my football career."

"Playing Nebraska, a team that plays defense like they face passing teams all the time, is a great opportunity for our team."

"Just getting to play in their stadium is what every college player dreams of and I'm just excited to be a part."



Quarterback Scott Mitchell and the Utes rank No. 3 in passing offense, averaging 394.5 yards per game.

Utes at a glance

Record: 1-1, last year 6-5.

Key Players: quarterback Scott Mitchell, running back Clifton Smith, tight end Dennis Smith, U-back Mike Anglesey, offensive guard Todd Eldrige, defensive end Joe Clausi, middle linebacker Garland Harris.

Strengths: Passing and offensive diversification that is more complex than any other college team has produced the top offense in the country last year in terms of passing and total offense. Mitchell is considered the best quarterback in the country by many. Four of five offensive line starters return from last year. The running of Clifton Smith, 113 yards last week, is also a key. When the Utes are

running as well as passing, they are tough to stop.

Weaknesses: The receiving corps is new from last year, and even Mitchell admits he's just getting used to the new faces. The defense has given up 62 points in two games and has never been a strength.

Notes: Nebraska is 2-0 against Utah and 3-0 on games played on Sept. 16. Utah Coach Jim Fassel played for Southern Cal in a 31-21 victory over Nebraska in Memorial Stadium in 1969. While Utah has rolled up 83 percent of its yards through the air, Nebraska has gained 82 percent of its yards on the ground.



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College teams in Los Angeles taking charge in early running

By Steve Harvey
Universal Press Syndicated

It isn't often that all the major college football teams in the Los Angeles area are winless. But such was the case after UCLA's shocking 6-24 setback to Tennessee Saturday. The Bruins, in fact, captured Comedown of the Week honors since they were favored by 14 points and lost by 18.

Fortunately for the school's sports program, UCLA managed a split for the weekend when the Bruin women's volleyball team trounced Colorado State.

Meanwhile, across town, Bottom Ten co-leader USC (0-1) demonstrated its concern over a recent loss to Illinois by putting three offensive linemen on waivers this week and calling up a trio of prospects from the school's junior-college farm system.

Rankings

School (record)	Last loss	Next loss
1. (tie) UCLA (0-1)	6-24, Tennessee	San Diego St.
1. USC (0-1)	regrouping	Utah St.
3. Florida St. (0-2)	23-34, Clemson	LSU
4. LSU (0-1)	idle	Florida St.
5. (tie) Penn St. (0-1)	6-14, Virginia	Temple
SMU (0-1)	idle	Connecticut
7. Texas (0-1)	healing	still healing
8. Ohio St. (0-0)	idle	Oklahoma St.
9. Houston (1-0)*	idle	idle
10. Maryland (0-2)	10-14, W. Virginia	W. Michigan
11. Nebraska (was tied 17-17 with Northern Illinois at half-time); 12-13, the Miamis (Fla., Ohio) (1-1); 14. Syracuse (missed a conversion kick against Temple, ending its NCAA streak record at 262); 15. Rutgers (for indecisiveness) (0-0-2); 16. Mother Nature (lightning forced suspension of the Southern Illinois-Western Illinois game); 17. Texas A&M (1-1); 18. BYU (1-1); 19. idle; 20. Oklahoma QBs (outpassed by a margin of a shocking 150 yards to 0 by Baylor).		

*Houston dropped one notch in the AP poll after its 66-0 win over Nevada-Las Vegas.

CRUMMY GAME OF THE WEEK: Florida State (0-2) vs. LSU (0-1).

ROUT OF THE WEEK: San Diego State (0-1) over UCLA (0-1). (Bruins Coach Terry Donahue said it's possible that "this is as poor a team as I've had up here.")

The pros

Pittsburgh's slogan this year is "Yes, we can," an obvious answer to those who claim that the Steelers are incapable of losing more games than last year (11).

Well, defiant Pitt went right out in its opener and suf-



fered the worst drubbing in its 57-year history, a 0-51 squeaker to Cleveland. One Steeler fan celebrated by heaving a garbage can from the second level onto the field. It was one of the few accurate throws by anyone associated with Pitt. QB Bobby Brister, who recently signed a deal to market T-shirts bearing his photo, fired three interceptions. Another Brister pass was knocked back into his arms by the Browns' Bubba Baker — that's a Bobby-to-Bubba-to-Bubba pass completion, if you're keeping score.

Referring to the NFL's anti-noise rules, rookie Dallas owner Jerry Jones said before the New Orleans game, "When we score our first one, I'm going to the bathroom so I can yell." Jones doesn't get to go to the bathroom until the Cowboys play in Atlanta Sunday.

Rankings

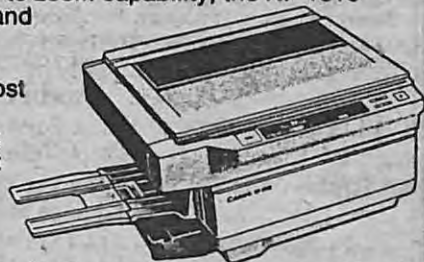
Team (record)	Last loss	next loss
1. Green Bay (0-1)	Bay Division	New Orleans
2. San Diego (0-1)	21-23, Tampa	Houston
	14-40, Raiders	
1. N.Y. Jets (0-1)	Trump Division	Cleveland
	24-27, New England	
1. Dallas (0-1)*	America's Division	Atlanta
	0-28, New Orleans	
	AFC Central Division	
1. Pitt (0-1)	0-51, Cleveland	Cincinnati
2. Houston (0-1)	7-38, Minnesota	San Diego
3. Cincinnati (0-1)	14-17, Chicago	Pitt

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College Saturday

BAYLOR AT GEORGIA

Time: 11:30 a.m.

TV: WTBS (Cable Channel 4)

Announcers: Bob Neal and Tim Foley.

Notes: After facing high-scoring Oklahoma last week, anything will look better to Baylor. The Bears lost their meeting with the Sooners 33-7 to fall to 0-1. Georgia will open its first season under Coach Ray Goff.

PRINCETON AT DARTMOUTH

Time: 11:30 a.m.

TV: ESPN (Cable Channel 23)

Announcers: Sean McDonough and Stan White.

Notes: This Ivy League meeting will open the season for both schools. Dartmouth won last year's game 24-17, part of a 5-5 season that included a 4-3 conference mark. Princeton also went 4-3 in the Ivy League during its 6-4 season.

ILLINOIS AT COLORADO

Time: 1:30 p.m.

TV: CBS (Channels 3, 10/11)

Announcers: Jim Nantz, Pat Haden and John Dockery.

Notes: A pair of AP Top 10 teams meet when 10th-ranked Illinois visits No. 8 Colorado. The last time Colorado was ranked and played a home game against a ranked team was 1978, when the No. 19 Buffaloes lost to No. 1 Oklahoma 28-7. The Buffs are 2-0 after victories against Texas and Colorado State. Junior tailback Eric Bieniemy rushed for 156 yards against Colorado State, putting him eighth on the school's all-time chart with 1,973 rushing yards. This will be the first football game between the two schools. The Buffs are 9-9-1 against Big Ten opponents, and the Illini are 15-19-3 against members of the Big Eight.

NOTRE DAME AT MICHIGAN

Time: 2:30 p.m.

TV: ABC (Channel 7)

Announcers: Keith Jackson, Bob Griese and Mike Adamle.

Notes: Top-ranked Notre

Dame, the defending national champion, has a 13-game winning streak. The second-ranked Wolverines, who won their final six games last year, including a 22-14 victory against Southern California in the Rose Bowl, are unbeaten in their last 10 games. Michigan, which has lost its last two games against the Irish, will concentrate on stopping Notre Dame quarterback Tony Rice. Rice started 1989 by leading Notre Dame to a 36-13 victory against Virginia in the Kickoff Classic, a triumph that lifted the Irish past preseason No. 1 Michigan in the AP poll.

CALIFORNIA AT MIAMI, FLA.

Time: 3 p.m.

TV: ESPN (Cable Channel 23)

Announcers: Tim Brando and Gene Washington.

Notes: The third-ranked Hurricanes showed last week that the defections of Coach Jimmy Johnson and quarterback Steve Walsh to the Dallas Cowboys won't slow their offensive attack. Dennis Erickson debuted as Miami's coach with a 51-3 trouncing of Wisconsin. California is 0-1 after opening the season with a 35-19 setback against Oregon.

FLORIDA STATE AT LOUISIANA STATE

Time: 6:30 p.m.

TV: ESPN (Cable Channel 23)

Announcers: Ron Franklin and Kevin Kiley.

Notes: Both teams will seek their first wins of the season. Mike Archer, coach of 0-1 LSU, and Bobby Bowden, coach of 0-2 Florida State, said they plan some personnel moves in the bid for a winning combination. Florida State hasn't opened 0-3 since 1976, Bowden's first season as head coach. The Seminoles, ranked No. 6 in the preseason poll, slipped out of the rankings after the second loss. LSU, which opened No. 7, is No. 21.

NFL Sunday

PHILADELPHIA AT WASHINGTON

Time: Noon

TV: CBS (Channels 3, 10/11)

Notes: Washington leads the series 62-40-5 and has won seven of the last eight against the Eagles. That streak includes a sweep last year, the third time this decade the Redskins have won both games with Philadelphia. The Eagles' last win at RFK Stadium was in 1985. The Eagles, who defeated Seattle last weekend, have not won their first two games since 1981 when they started the year 6-0. Washington, which lost to the New York Giants on Monday, hasn't lost its first two games since 1984 and is 13-1 on Sundays after Monday night games under Joe Gibbs.

LOS ANGELES RAIDERS AT KANSAS CITY

Time: Noon

TV: NBC (Channel 6)

Notes: Los Angeles leads the series 34-23-2 and has won nine of the last 12 meetings. Two of Kansas City's three victories in that span have been at Arrowhead Stadium. The Raiders swept both meetings last season, the first time they've accomplished that since 1984. Raiders wide receiver Tim Brown underwent surgery for a torn knee ligament Monday and will be out for at least 10 weeks. Brown totaled 114 yards in last week's win against San Diego (63 on kickoff returns, 43 on punt returns and eight on receptions). Quarterback Jay Schroeder sustained a third-degree separation of his left shoulder, but Los Angeles officials think he might start against the Chiefs. Kansas City, 0-1, has won three of its last four home openers.

MINNESOTA AT CHICAGO

Time: 3 p.m.

TV: CBS (Channels 3, 10/11)

Notes: Minnesota leads the series 28-25-2 and has won three of the last five meetings with Chicago. The Vikings swept both games last year for the first time since 1980. Chicago quarterback Mike Tomczak is 16-3 as a starter, the best in the

NFL. Chicago and Minnesota, each 1-0 this season, have finished 1-2 in the NFC Central Division the past three seasons. Last year's sweep by Minnesota was Chicago's first by a division opponent since Detroit in 1983.

NFL Monday

DENVER AT BUFFALO

Time: 8 p.m.

TV: ABC (Channel 7)

Announcers: Frank Gifford, Al Michaels and Dan Dierdorf.

Notes: Denver beat Kansas City for the seventh time in nine games and has seven straight wins over the Chiefs at Mile High Stadium. Buffalo leads the

series 14-9-1. This will be the fifth straight game in the series played in Buffalo since 1979; the teams — both 1-0 this year — have split the other four. The Bills have not played a Monday night game at home in five seasons. They lost to Miami 21-17 in that 1984 game. Buffalo is 5-9 lifetime on Monday nights, but it was the only team to win twice last season (37-14 against the New York Jets and 31-6 vs. Miami). Denver is 9-12-1 on Mondays, but the Broncos have won only one of 11 on the road. Denver quarterback John Elway has the AFC's best winning percentage as a starter, 55-28-1 for .661.

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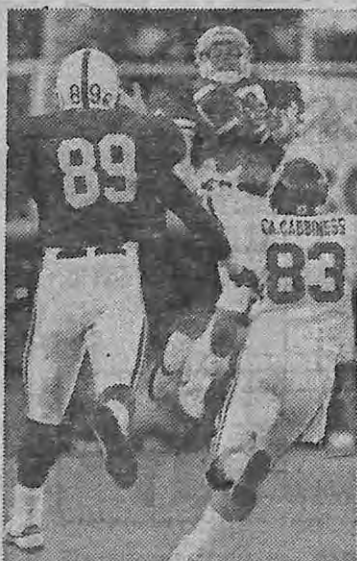
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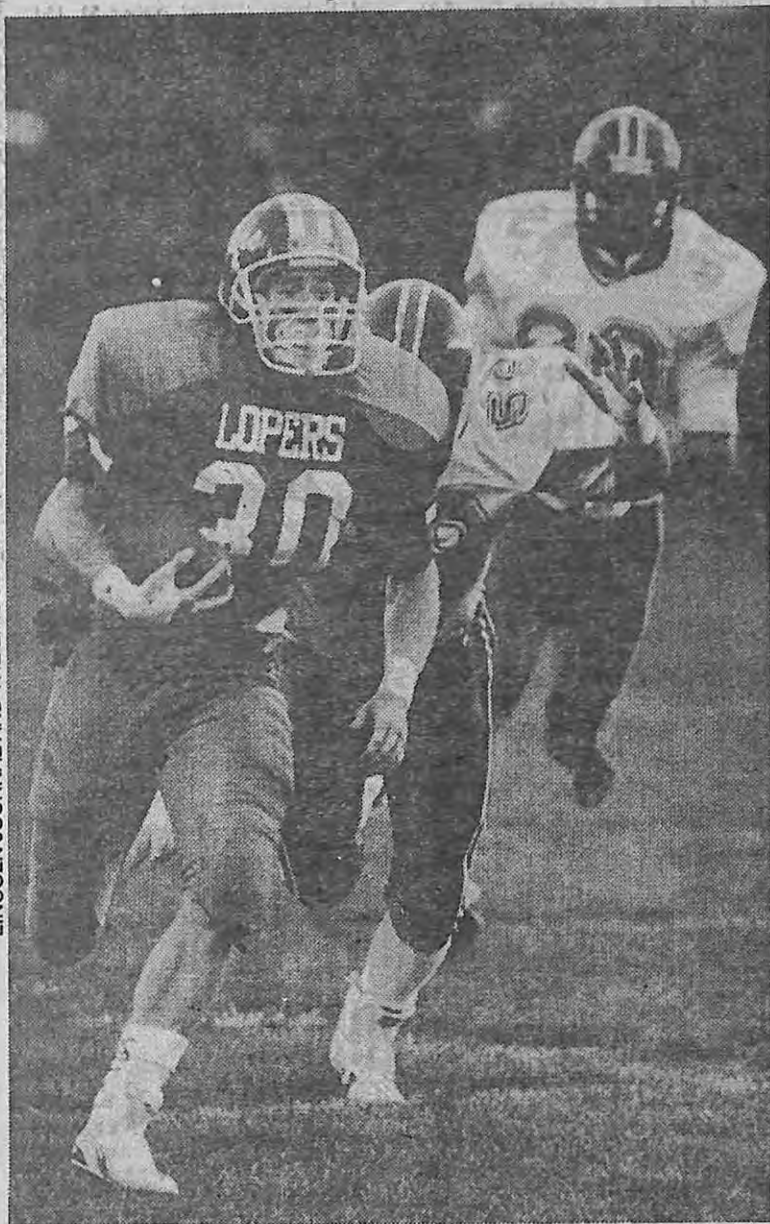
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Kearney St. wants to turn tables on Moorhead



Kearney State junior tailback Greg Schmitz (30) runs away from a diving UNO linebacker Todd Culp (59) last Saturday night at Kearney. The Lopers defeated UNO 17-14.

By Mark Derowitsch

Kearney State Coach Claire Boroff said the only good thing about losing streaks is breaking them.

Saturday afternoon at Foster Field in Kearney, the Antelopes will get a chance to end a seven-game losing streak against Moorhead State. The Lopers are coming off a win against Nebraska-Omaha, the first win against the Mavericks since 1983.

"We have played well enough against Moorhead to win some years, but we just haven't been able to do it," Boroff said. "We try to tell our players we have to play well. We're trying to get a win this year. I hope it's our turn to win one."

Moorhead State is coming off a season-opening 20-13 loss to Concordia-Minnesota but should give the Lopers a stiff challenge, Boroff said.

"We think their offense will be tough," he said. "They took 90 snaps in their first game. I'm still can't believe they snapped the ball 90 times and lost."

Moorhead Coach Ross Fortier said the Dragons' offense just didn't perform well in the first game.

"We made some changes in the second quarter and finally got things going," Fortier said. "It was a typical first game for us. We had some mistakes and didn't get things going early."

Boroff said Kearney State's defense will have to play well against the Dragons. Kearney State, 1-1 including a 23-20 loss to Northern State to open the season and ranked No. 17 in NAIA Division I, has given up an average of 320.5 yards of total offense per game.

"Our defense has played well from the second half of the Northern State game through all four quarters against UNO," he said. "We're gaining experience and getting better."

Our defensive front has done an excellent job of putting pressure on the quarterback. That really helps."

Even though the Lopers didn't take advantage of a few scoring opportunities against UNO, Boroff said he thinks the offense is coming around, particularly the passing game.

Quarterback Russ Harvey has completed 32 of 57 passes this season for 406 yards. He also has thrown three touchdown passes.

"We've thrown the ball well against two quality defensive teams," Boroff said. "We have a good group of skilled people and they're doing a good job for us."

Boroff said Harvey, a junior from Grand Island Northwest High School, does a good job leading the offense.

"He's very quick and has a lot of tools," he said. "We don't run the option a lot, but when we do, he makes good decisions. He's our general and he does what we expect him to do."

Ending the losing streak against the Mavericks was an accomplishment because of the in-state rivalry, Boroff said.

"A lot of the kids knew each other, and we probably both end up recruiting a lot of the same kids," Boroff said. "So the game's real competi-

tive."

He didn't, however, put any more pressure on the Lopers to end the seven-year losing slide against Moorhead State.

"We don't put more emphasis on one game," he said. "Our approach is even keel — we don't have to get too high when we win and we don't want to get too low when we lose."

Fortier said he's amazed at the Dragons' win streak against Kearney State.

"How we've done it, I just don't know," he said. "Most of the games have been good and close. Somehow, we've been able to pull them out."

Last week's results

Chadron State 35, Black Hills State 16
Dana 31, Drake 28
Doane 15, Northwestern, Iowa 15
Hastings 21, Dakota Wesleyan 18
Kearney State 17, UNO 14
William Jewell 20, Midland 6
NWU 38, Peru State 31
St. Cloud St. 28, Wayne State 0

This week's games

Chadron St. at Jamestown College
Benedictine at Concordia
Dana at Westmar College
Doane at Colorado Mines
Missouri Valley at Hastings
Moorhead State at Kearney State
Midland at Sioux Falls
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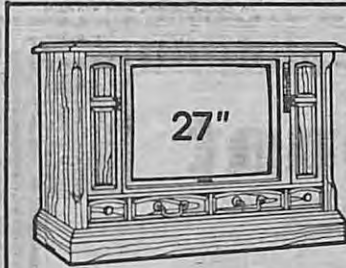
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 Holy Cross (1-0) at Lafayette (1-0)
 Massachusetts (0-0-1) at Lehigh (1-0)
 Villanova (1-1) at Maine (2-0)
 Brigham Young (1-1) at Navy (0-0)
 Delaware St. (1-1) at Northeastern (1-0)
 Temple (0-2) at Penn St. (0-1)
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 Boston College (0-1) vs. Rutgers (0-2) at East Rutherford, N.J.
 Army (0-0) at Syracuse (1-0)
 Indiana, Pa. (1-0) at Towson St. (0-1), Night
 South Carolina (1-0-1) at West Virginia (2-0)
 Brown (0-0) at Yale (0-0)

SOUTH

Memphis St. (0-2) vs. Alabama (0-0) at Birmingham, Ala.
 Alcorn St. (0-1) at Alabama St. (1-1), Night
 S. Mississippi (1-1) at Auburn (1-0), Night
 Howard U. (2-0) at Bethune-Cookman (1-1), Night
 Appalachian St. (2-0) at Citadel (1-0), Night
 Louisiana Tech (1-1) at Florida (0-1)
 Presbyterian (0-1) at Furman (1-1)
 Baylor (0-1) at Georgia (0-0)
 Florida A&M (1-0) vs. Georgia Southern (2-0) at Jacksonville, Fla., Night
 Virginia (1-1) at Georgia Tech (0-1)
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 Clemson (2-0) at Virginia Tech (1-0-1)
 Tn.-Chattanooga (0-1) at W. Carolina (1-1), Night
 Middle Tenn. (2-0) at W. Kentucky (1-1), Night
 N. Carolina St. (2-0) at Wake Forest (0-1), Night

MIDWEST

Ball St. (0-1-1) at Bowling Green (0-1)
 Akron (1-1) at Cent. Michigan (0-1)
 East Carolina (1-0) at Cincinnati (0-0-1), Night
 Missouri (1-0) at Indiana (0-1)
 Austin Peay (0-2) at Indiana St. (1-1)
 Oregon (1-0) at Iowa (0-0)
 Minnesota (0-0) at Iowa St. (1-0)
 Kent St. (0-2) at Kansas (1-1)
 N. Iowa (0-1) at Kansas St. (0-1), Night
 Notre Dame (1-0) at Michigan (0-0)
 Miami, Ohio (0-1) at Michigan St. (0-0)
 Utah (1-1) at Nebraska (1-0)
 Air Force (2-0) at Northwestern (0-1), Night
 Oklahoma St. (0-1) at Ohio St. (0-0)
 E. Michigan (2-0) at Ohio U. (0-2)
 E. Illinois (2-0) at S. Illinois (0-2)
 SW Missouri St. (2-0) at W. Illinois (2-0), Night
 Toledo (1-0) at Wisconsin (0-1)

SOUTHWEST

Sam Houston St. (0-1) at Angelo St. (1-0), Night
 Tulsa (2-0) at Arkansas (0-0)
 Murray St. (2-0) at North Texas (1-0), Night
 Jackson St. (1-1) at Prairie View (0-2)
 Connecticut (1-0) at Southern Meth. (0-1), Night
 Texas A&M (1-1) at Texas Christian (0-1), Night
 New Mexico (1-1) at Texas Tech (1-0)
 Lamar (1-1) at W. Texas St. (0-2), Night

FAR WEST

Oklahoma (2-0) at Arizona (1-1), Night
 San Jose St. (0-0) at Arizona St. (1-0), Night
 Long Beach St. (1-1) at Boise St. (1-0), Night
 Illinois (1-0) at Colorado (2-0)
 Fullerton St. (1-1) at Colorado St. (0-2)
 Sacramento St. (2-0) at Idaho (0-2),

Night

S. Utah (1-1) at Idaho St. (0-1), Night
 Portland St. (2-0) at Montana (1-1)
 E. Washington (1-0) at Montana St. (1-1)

UC Davis (1-0) at Nevada-Reno (1-1)
 Texas-El Paso (0-2) at New Mexico St. (0-2), Night
 Fresno St. (2-0) at Pacific U. (0-2), Night

UCLA (0-1) at San Diego St. (0-1), Night
 Utah St. (0-1) at Southern Cal (0-1), Night
 Purdue (1-0) at Washington (1-0)

Oregon St. (1-0) at Washington St. (2-0)
 N. Arizona (1-1) at Weber St. (0-1), Night
 Hawaii (2-0) at Wyoming (0-2)

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Notre Dame to nip Michigan; Nebraska should defuse Utah

By Rick Warner
Associated Press

Notre Dame and Michigan stage the earliest 1-2 showdown in college football history Saturday.

The top-ranked Fighting Irish travel to Ann Arbor, Mich., to meet the No. 2 Wolverines in a rematch of last year's thrilling opener, which Notre Dame won 19-17 on a last-minute field goal by Reggie Ho.

This year, Notre Dame already has played one game — a 36-13 thrashing of Virginia in the Kickoff Classic. Michigan has yet to play, but the Wolverines start off with the home-field advantage and a strong returning cast from last year's Rose Bowl champion team.

"It was hard to tell much from the Virginia game, but it certainly gave Notre Dame the edge," Michigan offensive coordinator Gary Moeller said. "It's especially important for your rookies. Theirs will be a little more relaxed since they've been there before."

Prior to this season, the earliest meeting between No. 1 and No. 2 was the Southern California-Oklahoma game Sept. 26, 1981. Top-ranked Southern Cal won 28-24.

Going into that game, Southern Cal was 2-0 and Oklahoma 1-0. No. 1 Purdue and No. 2 Notre Dame were each 1-0 when they met in 1968, but the game was played on Sept. 28. Purdue won 37-22.

Saturday's game will be the 25th between the top two teams since The Associated Press poll began in 1936. The No. 1 team holds a 15-7-2 edge.

The oddsmakers are calling this one a tossup.... **NOTRE DAME 24-21.**

California (plus 27) at No. 3 Miami: Who needs Jimmy Johnson and Steve Walsh? The Hurricanes can still blow away the opposition.... **MIAMI 58-7.**

Utah (plus 30) at No. 4 Nebraska: Utah quarterback Scott Mitchell is dynamite, but his supporting cast isn't good enough to beat the Cornhuskers.... **NEBRASKA 48-28.**

Southern Mississippi (plus 17) at No. 5 Auburn: Southern Mississippi opened with an upset over Florida State before losing to Mississippi State. Auburn is coming off a 55-0 rout of Pacific.... **AUBURN 31-21.**

No. 6 Oklahoma (minus 7) at Arizona: Without Barry Switzer, this was supposed to be a down year for Oklahoma. Don't believe it.... **OKLAHOMA 38-21.**

No. 7 Clemson (minus 11) at Virginia Tech: Clemson looked impressive against Florida State.... **CLEMSON 28-7.**

No. 10 Illinois (plus 5) at No. 8

Colorado: Illinois pulled off an amazing comeback at Southern Cal. Colorado is off to a 2-0 start and has its best team since the early '70s.... **COLORADO 17-10.**

Tulsa (plus 13) at No. 9 Arkansas: Tulsa upset Oklahoma State last week to go 2-0. This is the opener for Arkansas, which is coming off a 10-2 season that ended with a Cotton Bowl loss to UCLA.... **ARKANSAS 21-17.**

Army (plus 15) at No. 11 Syracuse: Army has been on the march since Jim Young installed the wishbone in 1984, but Syracuse has the weapons to halt the assault.... **SYRACUSE 38-21.**

South Carolina (plus 8) at No. 12 W. Virginia: Major Harris is the major reason West Virginia is still a beast of the East.... **WEST VIRGINIA 17-14.**

Utah State (no line) at No. 13 Southern Cal: The Trojans are still steaming over their loss to Illinois.... **SOUTHERN CAL 38-0.**

Purdue (plus 21½) at No. 15 Washington: Both teams started strongly last week. Washington opened with a win over Texas A&M while Purdue



Harrah's college odds

AP Top 25

1. Notre Dame 1 under No. 2 Michigan
2. Michigan 1 over No. 1 Notre Dame
3. Miami, Fla., 28 over California
4. Nebraska 30 over Utah
5. Auburn 16½ over Southern Mississippi
6. Oklahoma 7½ over Arizona
7. Clemson 11 over Virginia Tech
8. Colorado 5½ over No. 10 Illinois
9. Arkansas 13½ over Tulsa
10. Illinois 5½ under No. 8 Colorado
11. Syracuse 15½ over Army
12. West Virginia 8 over South

blanked Miami of Ohio.... **WASHINGTON 24-14.**

Memphis St. (plus 19) at No. 16 Alabama: Linebacker Keith McCants leads a strong Alabama defense. Memphis State already has lost to Mississippi and Arkansas State.... **ALABAMA 24-0.**

Duke (plus 7½) at No. 17 Tennessee: Tennessee has won seven straight, including last week's 24-6 upset of UCLA. But Duke has a dangerous offense featuring wide receiver Clarkston Hines. Upset Special.... **DUKE 28-27.**

No. 19 N.C. State (minus 7½) at Wake Forest: The Wolfpack could go undefeated in the regular season if it beats Clemson on Oct. 21.... **N.C. STATE 38-7.**

No. 20 UCLA (minus 19½) at San Diego St.: Terry Donahue says his Bruins don't deserve to be ranked after their performance against Tennessee. But they're still good enough to beat San Diego St.... **UCLA 24-14.**

Florida St. (even) at No. 21 Louisiana St.: Florida State is off to an 0-2 start for the first time since 1976, and things won't get any better at Death Valley.... **LSU 24-21.**

No. 22 Texas A&M (minus 11) at TCU: TCU's new Triple Shoot offense fired blanks against Missouri.... **TEXAS A&M 31-10.**

Oregon St. (plus 9½) at No. 23 Washington St.: Washington State has an explosive offense. Bombs away.... **WASHINGTON ST. 35-21.**

Oregon (plus 3) at No. 24 Iowa: The Ducks were 6-1 last season before quarterback Bill Musgrave broke his collarbone and 0-5 after that. Musgrave is healthy again. Second Upset Special.... **OREGON 20-17.**

NCAA statistics

Team					Individual					
Rushing offense					Rushing					
	Car	Yds	Yds Pg		Car	Yds	Avg	Yds Pg		
Air Force	62	559	559.0		Dowis,AFA	13	249	19.2	249.0	
Nebraska	47	455	455.0		Gray,TxTech	34	224	6.6	224.0	
Oklahoma	146	856	428.0		Bryant,IowaSt	27	213	7.9	213.0	
East Caro.	52	401	401.0		Clark,Neb	14	168	12.0	168.0	
Colorado	123	742	371.0		Berry,Oregon	15	151	10.1	151.0	
Texas Tech	73	367	367.0		Green,SC	43	289	6.7	144.5	
Fresno St.	128	684	342.0		Christian,NW	22	139	6.3	139.0	
North Caro.	45	318	318.0		Slack,SDSt	14	135	9.6	135.0	
Notre Dame	59	300	300.0		Lewis,Wash	29	133	4.6	133.0	
Texas Christian	52	283	283.0		Boone,Duke	41	264	6.4	132.0	
Passing offense					Passing					
	Att	Cp	Yds	Yds Pg	Att	Cp	Yds	Tds	Pts	
Houston	64	39	493	493.0	Gossen,WashSt	49	31	605	5	196.6
Brigham Young	82	53	860	430.0	Donohoe,Kansas	44	27	459	6	184.9
Utah	103	51	789	394.5	Van Pelt,Pitt	35	26	357	3	182.5
Miami (Fla.)	46	22	369	369.0	Justin,ArizSt	22	17	194	2	172.3
San Diego St.	46	30	361	361.0	Ray,Duke	66	46	636	6	168.5
Auburn	25	16	352	352.0	Deimer,BYU	82	53	860	4	161.5
Northwestern	44	29	330	330.0	Ware,Hou	48	30	390	5	161.0
Duke	70	47	645	322.5	Verdugo,ColoSt	32	22	296	2	154.6
Washington St.	54	33	630	315.0	Scharr,Syr	20	14	154	1	151.2
Central Mich.	49	25	306	306.0	Melfi,Toledo	25	16	202	2	150.3
Total offense					Total offense					
	Plays	Yds	Yds Pg		Yds	Avg	Yds Pg			
Houston	87	619	619.0		Deimer,BYU	864	8.3	432.0		
Air Force	69	618	618.0		Ware,Hou	396	7.7	396.0		
Auburn	73	586	586.0		McGwire,SDSt	356	7.2	356.0		
Nebraska	60	557	557.0		Mitchell,Utah	697	7.3	348.5		
San Diego St.	75	546	546.0		Obrien,NW	341	6.0	341.0		
North Caro.	80	533	533.0		Gossen,WashSt	656	8.9	328.0		
Miami (Fla.)	90	530	530.0		Taylor,Cal	320	5.8	320.0		
Fresno St.	178	1039	519.5		Ray,Duke	639	8.4	319.5		
East Caro.	72	512	512.0		Dowis,AFA	308	15.4	308.0		
Brigham Young	150	1015	507.5		Erickson,MiaFla	276	7.2	276.0		
Rushing defense					Receiving					
	Car	Yds	Yds Pg		Gms	Ct	Yds	Ct Pg		
Auburn	34	25	25.0		Buchanan,NW	1	13	175	13.0	
Arizona St.	30	27	27.0		Brown,Hou	1	11	166	11.0	
Fresno St.	42	67	33.5		Isaiah,Toledo	1	10	108	10.0	
Southern Cal	25	35	35.0		Williams,Purdue	1	10	96	10.0	
Oklahoma	58	84	42.0		Gilbreath,SDSt	1	10	82	10.0	
Miami (Fla.)	37	47	47.0		Heard,BGreen	1	9	103	9.0	
Florida	36	52	52.0		Bruton,Mo	1	8	109	8.0	
Louisville	64	111	55.5		Hopkins,CMich	1	8	98	8.0	
Rice	72	112	56.0		Palamara,FulSt	2	15	185	7.5	
East Caro.	30	57	57.0		Henley,Rice	2	15	178	7.5	
Passing defense					Interceptions					
	Att	Cp	Yds	Yds Pg	G	No	Yds	TD	IPG	
Baylor	2	0	0	0.0	Lyght,NDame	1	2	14	0	2.00
Nebraska	13	5	44	44.0	Thomas,Hou	1	2	14	0	2.00
San Diego St.	7	3	59	59.0	Scales,Purdue	1	2	9	0	2.00
Wake Forest	28	10	59	59.0	R.Smith,MiaFla	1	2	0	0	2.00
Vanderbilt	20	6	65	65.0	McWright,TCU	1	2	0	0	2.00
Kentucky	23	10	67	67.0	Vinson,N.C.St	2	3	103	0	1.50
Syracuse	23	10	71	71.0	Loyd,LaTech	2	3	20	0	1.50
Auburn	25	12	75	75.0	Punting					
Florida	15	7	76	76.0		No	Yds	TD	Avg	
North Caro.	10	3	80	80.0	Parker,SC	8	50.13			
Total defense					McCarthy,Purdue	6	47.67			
	Plays	Yds	Yds Pg		Raven,Colo	9	47.56			
Auburn	59	100	100.0		Fleming,Wyo	9	47.00			
Arizona St.	54	107	107.0		Rudison,Akron	18	46.61			
Florida	51	128	128.0		Lillidahl,Texas	10	46.40			
Miami (Fla.)	67	143	143.0		J.Jones,Cin	8	46.13			
Syracuse	45	169	169.0		Smith,Ind	7	45.43			
Oklahoma	115	339	169.5		Rutter,Baylor	7	45.29			
Nebraska	63	174	174.0		Smith,Tulane	8	44.63			
Texas Tech	55	187	187.0		Punt returns					
Virginia Tech	119	386	193.0			No	Yds	TD	Avg	
Illinois	66	199	199.0		Sydney,Hawaii	3	104	1	34.67	
Scoring offense					Buckley,FlaSt	4	98	0	24.50	
	G	Pts	Avg		Walters,NDame	3	67	0	22.33	
Houston	1	69	69.0		Brown,LaTech	4	87	0	21.75	
Auburn	1	55	55.0		Gilmore,Wyo	3	64	0	21.33	
Oklahoma	2	106	53.0		Williams,EMich	3	62	0	20.67	
Fresno St.	2	104	52.0		Carroll,MiaFla	6	122	0	20.33	
Air Force	1	52	52.0		Campbell,Colo	5	91	0	18.20	
Miami (Fla.)	1	51	51.0		Taylor,Okla	8	135	1	16.88	
North Caro.	1	49	49.0		Scott,SWLa	6	101	1	16.83	
Nebraska	1	48	48.0		Kickoff returns					
Hawaii	2	94	47.0			No	Yds	TD	Avg	
Washington St.	2	87	43.5		Pritchard,Colo	5	204	0	40.80	
Scoring defense					Ismail,Syr	2	74	0	37.00	
	G	Pts	Avg		Grant,Stan	3	107	0	35.67	
Auburn	1	0	.0		Boykin,Kansas	5	174	0	34.80	
Houston	1	0	.0		Mathis,NMex	4	137	1	34.25	
Arizona St.	1	0	.0		Bouldin,MissSt	4	134	1	33.50	
Iowa St.	1	3	3.0		Horton,TexA&M	6	195	1	32.50	
Miami (Fla.)	1	3	3.0		Robinson,ECar	2	61	0	30.50	
Syracuse	1	3	3.0		Mayfield,OklaSt	2	61	0	30.50	
Oklahoma	2	10	5.0		Smith,SMiss	7	208	0	29.71	
Eastern Mich.	2	10	5.0		Field goals					
East Caro.	1	6	6.0			FGA	FG	Pct	FGPG	
Washington	1	6	6.0		McCallum,Wash	4	4	1.000	4.00	
Scoring					Nicholi,CMich	5	4	.800	4.00	
	TD	XP	FG	Pts	Hanson,WashSt	6	6	1.000	3.00	
Dowis,AFA	6	0	0	36	Huerta,MiaFla	3	3	1.000	3.00	
A. Wright,Aub	4	0	0	24	Adler,NW	4	3	.750	3.00	
Barsoff,Fes	5	0	0	30	McCallum,Oregon	4	3	.750	3.00	
Q. Smith,Kansas	5	0	0	30	Gardocki,Clem	6	5	.833	2.50	
Brssrd,WashSt	5	0	0	30	Fuess,Tulsa	6	5	.833	2.50	
Anderson,Hou	0	9	2	15	Lemoine,SWLa	7	5	.714	2.50	
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'You have to love football to play at Fitchburg State'

FITCHBURG, Mass. (AP) — The Fitchburg State Falcons have lost everything except their love for football.

The hapless Falcons have won only one game since beginning varsity play in 1984, and their 32-game losing streak is the worst in the nation. But their coach says, "It's fun," and the student body, which raises the money to field the team, voted overwhelmingly to keep the Falcons playing.

"You have to love football to play at Fitchburg State," said starting center Dan Marrash, 24, a nursing student with a 3.2 grade point average. He concedes it can get discouraging, even for a 6-foot-1, 260-pound ex-Marine, "but we keep after each other. And someday, somehow we know we are going to win."

For this is Division III football with no scholarships, part-time coaches, bouncing bus rides over New England hills and sometimes few rewards, except a chance to play the game.

"The only recruiting is you go up to coach and say you want to play," sophomore quarterback Rich LeBlanc said.

"Of course, everyone dreams of getting the game ball when we finally break the streak," LeBlanc said. "If I do, I'll give it to the coaches. They've worked so hard and tried so hard all these years, without getting down that we can't. ... And all the guys who played for us and never got to win."

The only time the Falcons won in 44 games was Sept. 21, 1985, when they defeated New York Maritime 28-23. Although it has since resumed competition, New York Maritime did not field a team the following season.

But even after last year's 0-9 season, when the Falcons managed only 141 net yards rushing — gaining 602 yards and losing 461 over the course of a season in which they scored 20 points and their opponents scored 239 — the 3,200 students at the central Massachusetts school voted by an 88 percent margin to continue picking up the football budget of about \$30,000.

"They are young men of uncommon courage," school President Vincent Mara said. "The kids are determined to hang tough and grit it out. And if they are willing to make that kind of effort, we're not going to do anything to stop them."

Nothing seems to stop their coach. "I don't know whether I'm a born optimist, but I don't get down on the kids," said Dave Secino, the Falcons' only coach. Secino returned home to run the family tailor shop after playing offensive line for the University of Maine and sometimes fixes rips in

team uniforms.

"They are on a mission. They know that if they give up, football will disappear at Fitchburg State. And we all know it's not going to be this way forever," Secino said.

Secino decided to try the wishbone offense this season, and in last weekend's opening game, fullback Gary Fountain, a 5-6, 170-pound senior, shattered Fitchburg State rushing records by scrambling for 129 yards, including a 60-yard touchdown.

For 10 glorious minutes, the Falcons held a 13-12 lead over Lowell. Then Lowell scored 24 straight points and won 36-13. Fountain broke a leg, and the Falcons moved closer to Columbia's mark of 44 straight losses, which ended last year.

Division III Macalester still holds the all-time collegiate mark of 50.

Saturday, the Falcons face perennial Division III power Plymouth State of New Hampshire, which suffered its first home loss to a New England Conference opponent since 1980, bowing 8-7 to Bridgewater State last weekend.

"Just my luck," Secino said. "We come up against them when they are mad."

AP Top 25 at a glance

Team (record) opponent	*Babcock's rating
1. Notre Dame (1-0) is at No. 2 Michigan	1
2. Michigan (0-0) hosts No. 1 Notre Dame	2
3. Miami, Fla. (1-0) hosts Michigan State	3
4. Nebraska (1-0) hosts Utah	4
5. Auburn (1-0) hosts Southern Mississippi	5
6. Oklahoma (2-0) is at Arizona	6
7. Clemson (2-0) is at Virginia Tech	10
8. Colorado (2-0) hosts No. 10 Illinois	8
9. Arkansas (1-0) hosts Tulsa	11
10. Illinois (1-0) is at No. 8 Colorado	9
11. Syracuse (1-0) hosts Army	12
12. West Virginia (1-0) hosts South Carolina	7
13. Southern Cal (0-1) hosts Utah State	20
14. Pittsburgh (2-0) is idle	14
15. Washington (1-0) hosts Purdue	18
16. Alabama (0-0) hosts Memphis State	13
17. Tennessee (2-0) hosts Duke	19
18. Houston (1-0) is idle	16
19. North Carolina State (2-0) is at Wake Forest	17
20. UCLA (0-1) is at San Diego State	—
21. Louisiana State (0-1) hosts Florida State	23
22. Texas A&M (1-1) is at TCU	22
23. Washington State (2-0) hosts Oregon State	—
24. Iowa (0-0) hosts Oregon	15
25. Mississippi State (2-0) is idle	—
— Fresno State (2-0) is at Pacific	21
— Penn State (0-1) hosts Temple	24
— Ohio State (0-0) hosts Oklahoma St.	25

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Jury's still out on complex Dickerson trade

By Chris Dufresne
Los Angeles Times

The experts say it will take years to evaluate the Eric Dickerson trade. We can't wait, especially with all the pieces finally in place and the Indianapolis Colts coming to Anaheim Stadium Sunday.

The \$682,000 question (Eric's 1987 Rams salary) remains: Was one football player, great as he is, worth seven players in return? And we're not talking seven shirts right off the rack here, either. We're talking four first- and three second-round draft choices.

The three-team trade on Halloween 1987 was so complex it was only completed last April, when the Los Angeles Rams cashed their final picks on first-round fullback Cleveland Gary, second-round linebacker Frank Stams and cornerback Darryl Henley.

Dickerson, remember, was shipped to Indianapolis after a bitter contract dispute had turned ugly and personal. Yet it would take a steady finger to pull the trigger on this trade.

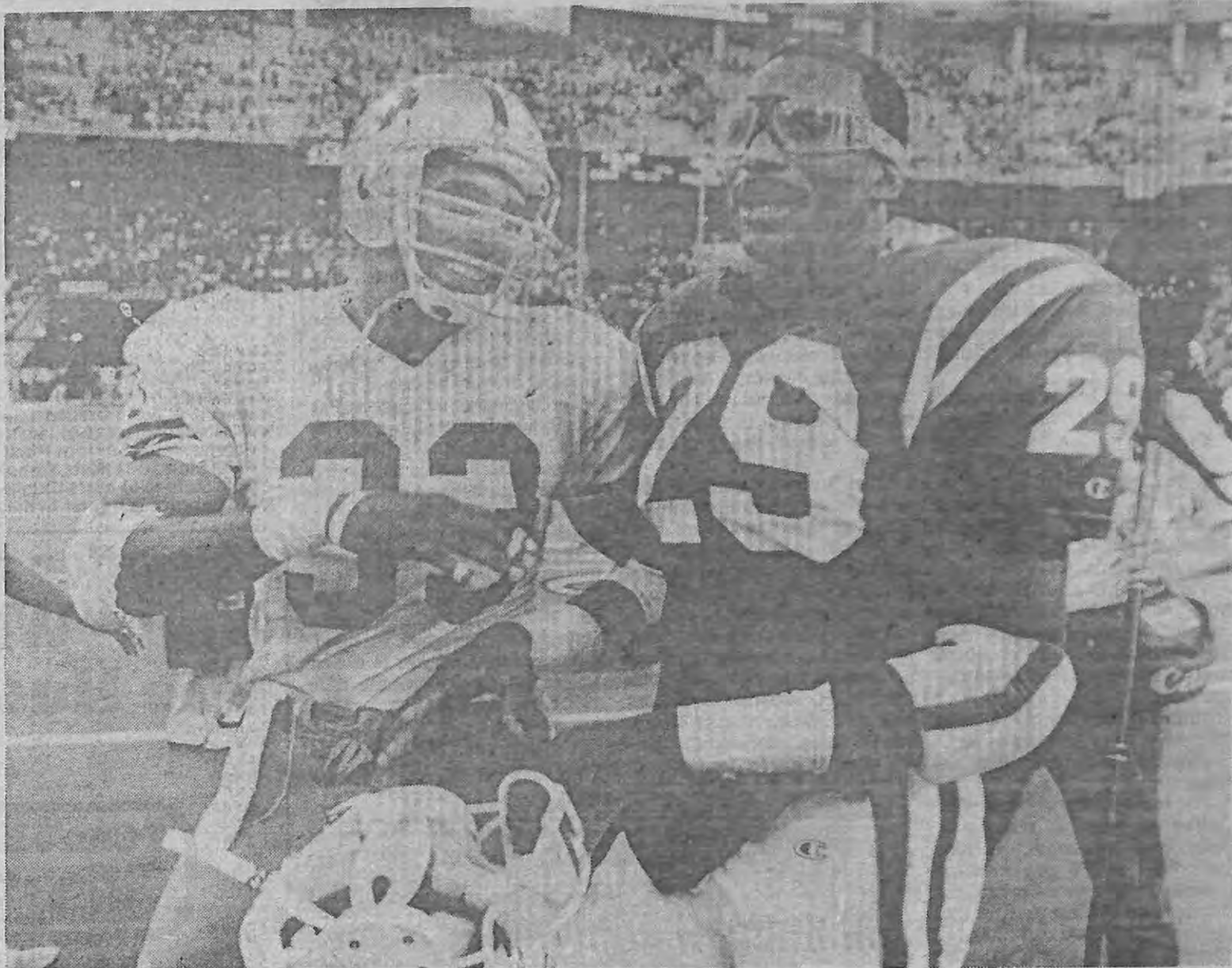
On Friday, Oct. 30, Colts General Manager Jimmy Irsay walked into Ron Meyer's office and asked the head coach if he would like to make a run at Dickerson. Meyer, who coached the star at Southern Methodist University, almost fell off his chair.

The Colts, however, needed more ammunition to entice the Rams. So they shopped their unsigned first-round pick, linebacker Cornelius Bennett, to the Buffalo Bills for two first-round picks, a second-rounder and tailback Greg Bell.

Now, the Colts were in business. For Dickerson, they could offer three first round picks, three seconds, Bell and one of their own backs, Owen Gill. Throwing in the players was one team's way of saying "Keep the change."

Late that Friday afternoon, history was made in time for Dickerson to catch a red-eye to Indianapolis. Nearly two years later, only one player, Gill, no longer figures in the equation. He's out of football.

But we need winners and losers. Who got the best in this deal? Who got the worst?



San Francisco running back Roger Craig (left) congratulates Indianapolis' Eric Dickerson after Dickerson reached a new plateau by running for his 10,000th career yard last Sunday. Associated Press

So far, this much is known: Each of the three teams, all struggling before the trade, has made the playoffs since, although Dickerson's Colts were edged out last season.

The consensus among analysts and league personnel experts interviewed for this story is that all three teams improved themselves by the trade, although the Rams might be the long-term winner. Bennett gives the Bills a menacing presence on de-

fense for years to come; Dickerson remains the best back in football; the Rams have re-stocked their team with top personnel.

Still, an evaluation isn't that simple.

"A trade in football is a lot different than baseball or basketball," Dick Steinberg, director of Player Development for the New England Patriots, said. "You have exact stats in those sports. You don't have stats

for linemen. It's hard to put an exact value on players. You can't tell if one guy is worth all this. With Dickerson and Indianapolis, they scare the hell out of us. We have to play them twice, and they can win on any Sunday just because of him. But you'd have to say this is one deal that worked out well for everyone."

Rams fans who opposed the trade dreamed of a backfield that included quarterback Jim Everett and Dick-

erson.

Joel Buchsbaum, a writer who scours the nation's football talent for Pro Football Weekly, wonders if a Dickerson-Everett backfield would have been so great.

"Everett's role would be reduced," he said. "His development wouldn't have been as rapid. And the Rams would be an older team now. And, if you've got Eric Dickerson, you've got to run the Eric Dickerson offense."

Bears' Ditka may find some chinks in Vikings' armor

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press

If the Chicago Bears were wise, they'd dress up in gold and green Sunday when the Minnesota Vikings come to town. For until proven otherwise, the downtrodden Green Bay Packers pose more of a threat to the Vikings than the Bears.

"If they have any weakness, it's well disguised," Mike Ditka said of the Vikings, who steamrolled a good Houston team 38-7 last Sunday and beat the Bears 31-7 last year.

They also beat Chicago at home last year but managed to lose the NFC Central Division title by losing twice to Green Bay, a team that won only two other games all season.

Minnesota indeed looked awesome Sunday, but the Bears also played well against a high-caliber opponent, beating Cincinnati 17-14 on a 95-yard

fourth-quarter drive engineered by Mike Tomczak. On defense, Dan Hampton did his imitation of the Minnesota defense that sacked Warren Moon six times.

The oddsmakers think the Vikings are a better team, making the Bears only 1-point favorites in a spread that includes three points for the home field. Moreover, Minnesota's only loss to Chicago in the past two years was in a game played by long-forgotten strike replacements (Mike Hohensee was at quarterback for the Bears that day.)

Hohensee will not be at quarterback Sunday, and Anthony Carter may take advantage of rookie cornerback Donnell Woolford. But when Chicago has something to prove, it usually does it. BEARS 17-13.

Philadelphia (plus 3) at Washington: Philadelphia's not quite as good

as it thinks it is, something that Washington found out Monday night against the New York Giants. The spread reflects the home field advantage. What it doesn't reflect is that even in the second week, this is a must-win game for the Redskins. If Mark Rypien can play as well as he did Monday night. REDSKINS 27-20.

Indianapolis (plus 6) at Los Angeles Rams: Eric Dickerson returns to play against the eight guys the Rams got for him. Are eight guys better than one? RAMS 34-22.

Denver (plus 6½) at Buffalo (Monday night): The Broncos are fine as long as they're playing Kansas City in Mile High Stadium. Don't expect the Bills to wait until the last three minutes again. BILLS 23-14.

New York Jets (plus 7) at Cleveland: This one looks so easy it could

be a trap. The Jets (Wesley Walker, Ken O'Brien, Al Toon) are banged up; Bud Carson knows their tendencies, and the Browns won 51-0 last week. BROWNS 51-0.

San Francisco (minus 7½) at Tampa Bay: Vinny Testaverde played like Joe Montana last week. But Joe Montana wasn't on the other side. 49ERS 27-14.

Pittsburgh (plus 10) at Cincinnati: The Steelers got 53 yards in total offense against the Browns last week. The Bengals got 153 in the first quar-

ter against the Bears. BENGALS 33-12.

Detroit (plus 11) at New York Giants: Is Wayne Fontes serious about Barry Sanders blocking Lawrence Taylor? GIANTS 27-10.

Other games

(Home Team in CAPS)

Houston (minus 4) 33, SAN DIEGO 16
NEW ENGLAND (minus 6) 23, Miami 20
New Orleans (minus 4) 17, GREEN BAY 7
ATLANTA (minus 1½) 24, Dallas 20
Raiders (plus 2) 30, KANSAS CITY 20
SEATTLE (minus 7) 24, Phoenix 20

Harrah's NFL odds

New England 6½ over Miami
New Orleans 4½ over Green Bay
Atlanta 2 over Dallas
Washington 2½ over Philadelphia
Cleveland 7 over New York Jets
Kansas City 2 over Los Angeles Raiders
Cincinnati 10 over Pittsburgh

San Francisco 7½ over Tampa Bay
New York Giants 10½ over Detroit
Seattle 7 over Phoenix
Los Angeles Rams 6 over Indianapolis
Chicago vs Minnesota, pick
Houston 3½ over San Diego
Buffalo 6½ over Denver



Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders rushed for 71 yards and one touchdown in his debut with the Detroit Lions.

NFL injury report

HOUSTON AT SAN DIEGO — Oilers: C Jay Pennison (ankle) is doubtful. S Jeff Donaldson (ankle), NT Doug Smith (knee) are questionable. G Mike Munchak (Achilles), LB Al Smith (toe), WR Leonard Harris (hamstring) are probable. **Chargers:** DE Gerald Robinson (knee) is doubtful. LB Cedric Figaro (neck), T Joey Howard (leg), G-T Dave Richards (elbow), DE Lee Williams (knee), LB Billy Ray Smith (back), QB Jim McMahon (ribs), CB Sam Seale (quad) are probable.

L.A. RAIDERS AT KANSAS CITY — Raiders: WR Tim Brown (knee-injured reserve) is out. CB Dennis Price (knee) is doubtful. S Derrick Crudup (ankle), LB Jerry Robinson (groin) are questionable. DE Scott Davis (knee), DE Howie Long (ankle) are probable. **Chiefs:** RB Tommie Agee (finger) is out. LB Dino Hackett (ankle) is doubtful. RB Kenny Gamble (leg) is questionable. G Gene Chilton (foot), T Irv Eatman (arm), LB Mike Junkin (ankle), G Dave Lutz (leg), DE Greg Meisner (hand) are probable.

MIAMI AT NEW ENGLAND — Dolphins: LB Eric Kumerow (knee), DE John Bosa (knee) are questionable. S Louis Oliver (concussion), C Jeff Dellenbach (knee), RB Troy Stradford (neck) are probable. **Patriots:** RB Marvin Allen (shoulder), CB Eric Coleman (hamstring), G Paul Fairchild (calf), RB John Stephens (ankle), T Danny Villa (thigh) are questionable. WR-KR Irving Fryar (thigh), WR Stanley Morgan (hip) are probable.

N.Y. JETS AT CLEVELAND — Jets: WR Wesley Walker (ankle-injured reserve) is out. LB Tim Coffield (groin), LB Kevin McArthur (ankle), WR Al Toon (shoulder), DE Marty Lyons (shoulder) are questionable. **Browns:** DE-DT Marlon Jones (knee), WR Reggie Langhorne (toe) are questionable. CB Mark

Harper (shoulder), WR Webster Slaughter (leg), LB Clay Matthews (thumb) are probable.

PITTSBURGH AT CINCINNATI — Steelers: G Terry Long (knee) is out. T John Jackson (ankle), G John Rienstra (ribs), RB Warren Williams (toe), S Thomas Everett (hamstring) are probable. **Bengals:** WR Mike Martin (hamstring), DE Jason Buck (elbow), CB Lewis Billups (neck), RB James Brooks (hamstring) are probable.

DALLAS AT ATLANTA — Cowboys: LB Jack Del Rio (calf) is out. CB Manny Hendrix (ribs) is questionable. S Bill Bates (groin), LB Garry Cobb (knee), NT Danny Noonan (groin), RB Broderick Sargent (ankle) are probable. **Falcons:** T Houston Hoover (knee) is doubtful. T Mike Kenn (calf) is questionable. DT Rick Bryan (shoulder) is probable.

DETROIT AT N.Y. GIANTS — Lions: QB Rodney Peete (knee) is out. LB George Jamison (ankle) is doubtful. LB Dennis Gibson (shoulder), T Harvey Saleem (shoulder) are questionable. CB Bennie Blades (shoulder), DE Eric Williams (concussion) are probable. **Giants:** S Adrian White (ankle), LB Gary Reaons (knee) are probable.

MINNESOTA AT CHICAGO — Vikings: TE Carl Hilton (neck), LB John Galvin (back) are out. TE Steve Jordan (ankle), S Brad Edwards (neck) are questionable. DT Tim Newton (knee), WR Anthony Carter (ankle) are probable. **Bears:** S David Tate (hamstring), WR Wendell Davis (hamstring), LB Troy Johnson (shoulder) are doubtful. WR Glen Kozlowski (knee), LB Jim Morrissey (hamstring) are probable.

NEW ORLEANS AT GREEN BAY — Saints: LB Rickey Jackson (cheek), SS Gene Atkins (shoulder), WR Brett Perriman (knee) are out. WR Eric Martin (ankle), FB Buford Jordan (hamstring) are doubtful. TE John Tice (hamstring), WR Der-

rick Shepard (knee), DE Frank Warren (ankle) are questionable. G Brad Edelman (knee-ankle), RB Dalton Hilliard (thigh), FB Craig Heyward (thumb), DE James Geathers (ribs) are probable. **Packers:** FS Chuck Cecil (hamstring), CB-S Mark Lee (knee), CB-S Ron Pitts (knee) are out.

PHILADELPHIA AT WASHINGTON — Eagles: FS Terry Hooge (knee) is doubtful. CB Sammy Lilly (knee) is questionable. **Redskins:** WR Gary Clark (ankle), G Mark May (chest) are probable.

SAN FRANCISCO AT TAMPA BAY — 49ers: S Jeff Fuller (hamstring), CB Eric Wright (groin) are questionable. NT Michael Carter (hamstring), G Guy McIntyre (knee) are probable. **Buccaneers:** Report no injuries.

INDIANAPOLIS AT L.A. RAMS — Colts: LB Jeff Herrod (hip) is questionable. DE Donnell Thompson (knee), T Kevin Call (knee), G Brian Baldinger (shoulder), S Michael Ball (hip) are probable. **Rams:** LB Larry Kelm (foot) is out. S Vince Newsome (groin) is questionable.

PHOENIX AT SEATTLE — Cardinals: T Toofie Robbins (knee-injured reserve), FS Lonnie Young (shoulder), DT Gary Hadd (knee) are out. DE David Galloway (thumb) is doubtful. FB Earl Ferrell (ankle) is questionable. DT Rod Saddler (knee) is probable. **Seahawks:** WR Steve Largent (elbow-injured reserve) is out.

DENVER AT BUFFALO — Broncos: WR Ricky Nattiel (knee), LB Karl Mecklenburg (knee), CB Mark Haynes (back) are questionable. LB Mark Munford (elbow) is probable. **Bills:** QB Gale Gilbert (ribs), CB Kirby Jackson (hamstring) are doubtful. NT Jeff Wright (knee) is questionable. LB Cornelius Bennett (finger), TE Keith McKeller (ankle), T Will Wolford (knee) are probable.

NFL statistics

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Team			
American Conference			
Offense			
	Yards	Rush	Pass
New England	427	154	273
Raiders	418	160	258
Buffalo	367	141	226
Cleveland	357	152	205
Indianapolis	344	154	190
Cincinnati	330	179	151
Miami	323	68	255
San Diego	305	171	134
Jets	304	49	255
Kansas City	287	56	231
Seattle	270	77	193
Denver	250	100	150
Houston	104	70	34
Pittsburgh	53	36	17

Defense			
	Yards	Rush	Pass
Cleveland	53	36	17
Kansas City	250	100	150
Denver	287	56	231
New England	304	49	255
Raiders	305	171	134
Buffalo	323	68	255
Houston	343	145	198
Pittsburgh	357	152	205
Cincinnati	365	212	153
Seattle	365	131	234
Miami	367	141	226
Indianapolis	404	200	204
San Diego	418	160	258
Jets	427	154	273

National Conference			
Offense			
	Yards	Rush	Pass
Washington	457	112	345
San Francisco	404	200	204
Giants	390	159	231
Chicago	365	212	153
Philadelphia	365	131	234
Rams	363	168	195
Tampa Bay	347	142	205
Minnesota	343	145	198
New Orleans	335	190	145
Phoenix	329	65	264
Green Bay	321	103	218
Atlanta	314	43	271
Detroit	258	159	99
Dallas	174	20	154

Defense			
	Yards	Rush	Pass
Minnesota	104	70	34
New Orleans	174	20	154
Phoenix	258	159	99
Philadelphia	270	77	193
Rams	314	43	271
Tampa Bay	321	103	218
Detroit	329	65	264
Chicago	330	179	151
Dallas	335	190	145
San Francisco	344	154	190
Green Bay	347	142	205
Atlanta	363	168	195
Washington	390	159	231
Giants	457	112	345

Individual			
American Conference			
Quarterbacks			
	Att	Com	Yds TD Int
Beuerlein, Raiders	22	15	206 2 0
Eason, N.E.	23	15	273 2 2
O'Brien, Jets	31	18	261 2 1
Kelly, Buff.	40	25	265 1 0
Kosar, Clev.	25	16	207 0 0
Esion, Cin.	36	18	184 1 0
Marino, Mia.	38	25	255 1 2
DeBerg, K.C.	34	21	250 1 2
Chandler, Ind.	32	14	200 1 1
McMahon, S.D.	18	7	91 0 0

Rushers			
	Att	Yds	Avg Lg TD
Dickerson, Ind.	19	106	5.6 18 0
Thomas, Buff.	13	94	7.2 13 0
Stephens, N.E.	28	89	3.2 11 1
Brooks, Cin.	13	88	6.8 28 0
Butts, S.D.	9	64	7.1 50 2
Woods, Cin.	20	62	3.1 7 1
Allen, Raiders	13	51	3.9 12 1
Oliphant, Clev.	6	48	8.0 21 1
Warner, Sea.	12	47	3.9 11 0
Stradford, Mia.	12	43	3.6 13 1

Receivers			
	No	Yds	Avg Lg TD
Jones, N.E.	8	148	18.5 36 0
Thomas, Buff.	8	65	8.1 16 0
McNeil, Jets	6	65	10.8 20 0
Reed, Buff.	6	58	9.7 15 0
Townsell, Jets	5	97	19.4 49 1
Edmunds, Mia.	5	58	11.6 20 0
T.Brown, Mia.	5	57	11.4 23 0
Brooks, Cin.	5	46	9.2 15 1
Katus, Cin.	5	40	8.0 13 0

Punters			
	No	Yds	Lg Avg
Kidd, Buff.	4	192	53 48.0
GrMontgomery, Hou	7	327	61 46.7
Goodburn, K.C.	3	140	54 46.7
Newsome, Pitt.	6	271	57 45.2
Stark, Ind.	3	134	52 44.7
Horan, Den.	3	131	47 43.7
Rodriguez, Sea.	7	304	57 43.4
Johnson, Cin.	4	165	45 41.3
Roby, Mia.	4	156	47 39.0
Prokop, Jets	6	230	50 38.3

Punt returners			
	No	Yds	Avg Lg TD
Barnes, K.C.	2	41	20.5 21 0
Bell, Den.	2	23	11.5 14 0
J.Johnson, Pitt.	2	22	11.0 13 0
K.Johnson, Hou.	2	22	11.0 12 0
Brown, Raiders	4	43	10.8 29 0
Stradford, Mia.	2	21	10.5 15 0
McNeil, Clev.	5	47	9.4 42 0
Fryar, N.E.	5	34	6.8 13 0
Jefferson, Sea.	2	8	4.0 9 0
Walker, S.D.	2	6	3.0 6 0

Kickoff returners			
	No	Yds	Avg Lg TD
Jefferson, Sea.	3	83	27.7 32 0
Bell, Den.	2	53	26.5 33 0
Logan, Mia.	3	77	25.7 31 0
Martin, N.E.	3	76	25.3 38 0
Harris, Hou.	6	142	23.7 34 0

Scoring			
Touchdowns			
	TD	Rush	Rec Ret Pts
Butts, S.D.	2	2	0 0 12
Grayson, Clev.	2	0	0 0 12
Manoa, Clev.	2	2	0 0 12
Mueller, Raiders	2	1	1 0 12

Kicking			
	PAT	FG	Lg Pts
MBahr, Clev.	6-6	3-3	27 15
Treadwell, Den.	4-4	2-2	41 10
Norwood, Buff.	3-3	2-2	37 9
Jaeger, Raiders	5-5	1-2	22 8
Lowery, K.C.	2-2	2-3	41 8

National Conference			
Quarterbacks			
	Att	Com	Yds TD Int
Wilson, Minn.	25	16	218 2 0
Rypien, Wash.	32	22	349 2 1
Testaverde, T.B.	27	22	205 1 0
Miller, Atl.	37	23	299 2 0
Cunningham, Phil.	27	13	240 2 1
Montano, S.F.	26	15	233 1 0
Hebert, N.O.	19	16	153 0 0
Simms, Giants	19	11	255 2 2
Everett, Rams	25	14	206 1 0
Hogeboom, Phoe.	35	21	264 1 1

Rushers			
	Att	Yds	Avg Lg TD
Anderson, Chi.	21	146	7.0 35 0
Craig, S.F.	24	131	5.5 27 2
Bell, Rams	26	128	4.9 16 2
Riggs, Wash.	24	111	4.6 17 0
Anderson, Giants	23	93	4.0 16 1
Hilliard, N.O.	22	83	3.8 25 1
Frazier, N.O.	12	74	6.2 21 1
BSanders, Det.	9	71	7.9 26 1
Howard, T.B.	17	67	3.9 8 0
Fullwood, G.B.	8	54	6.8 27 1

Receivers			
	No	Yds	Avg Lg TD
JSmith, Phoe.	10	121	12.1 24 0
Carter, Minn.	7	123	17.6 32 1
Howard, T.B.	7	59	8.4 14 1
Rice, S.F.	6	163	27.2 58 1
Sanders, Wash.	6	143	23.8 48 1
Quick, Phil.	6	140	23.3 40 1
Clark, Wash.	6	101	16.8 28 0
Collins, Atl.	6	76	12.7 20 0
Carrier, T.B.	6	73	12.2 18 0
Woodside, G.B.	6	49	8.2 14 0

Punters			
	No	Yds	Lg Avg
Landeta, Giants	4	204	58 51.0
Arnold, Det.	5	245	64 49.0
Teltschik, Phil.	6	272	58 45.3
Saxon, Dall.	6	271	49 45.2
Scribner, Minn.	3	130	49 43.3
Helton, S.F.	3	127	49 42.3
Moisiejenko, Wash.	4	167	55 41.8
Hatcher, Rams	5	208	50 41.6
Fulhage, Atl.	6	247	49 41.2
Camarillo, Phoe.	4	163	54 40.8

Punt returners			
	No	Yds	Avg Lg TD
DSanders, Atl.	2	83	41.5 68 1
Shepard, N.O.	3	67	22.3 56 1
Henley, Rams	2	41	20.5 25 0
Green, Chi.	2	33	16.5 24 0
Meggett, Giants	3	41	13.7 17 0
Howard, Wash.	2	19	9.5 13 0
Gray, Det.	2	18	9.0 11 0
Lewis, Minn.	4	36	9.0 18 0
Taylor, S.F.	2	15	7.5 8 0
Williams, Phil.	4	25	6.3 18 0

Kickoff returners			
	No	Yds	Avg Lg TD
Gentry, Chi.	3	93	31.0 63 0
Flagler, S.F.	3	91	30.3 41 0
Robrown, Rams	3	81	27.0 44 0
Fullwood, G.B.	4	97	24.3 26 0
Gray, Det.	3	66	22.0 29 0

Scoring			
Touchdowns			
	TD	Rush	Rec Ret Pts
Bell, Rams	2	2	0 0 12
Craig, S.F.	2	2	0 0 12
Fenney, Minn.	2	2	0 0 12
Tate, T.B.	2	2	0 0 12

Kicking			
	PAT	FG	Lg Pts
Cofer, S.F.	3-3	3-3	38 12
Del Greco, Phoe.	1-1	3-3	33 10
Allegre, Giants	3-3	2-3	32 9
Garcia, Minn.	5-5	1-2	35 8
Lansford, Rams	4-4	1-2	23 7
Murray, Det.	1-1	2-2	30 7
Zendejas, Phil.	4-4	1-2	23 7

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